

Esper is sworn in as defense secretary to succeed Mattis

By ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) —

It took seven months, but President Donald Trump on Tuesday finally got a Senate-confirmed secretary of defense to succeed Jim Mattis. Mark Esper, an Army veteran and former defense industry lobbyist, won Senate confirmation by a vote of 90-8 and was sworn in at the White House by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito in a ceremony attended by Trump and several members of Esper's family. "He's going to be a great one," Trump said. Esper's swearing-in ended the longest period the Pentagon has gone without a confirmed leader in its history.

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Mark Esper, left, is sworn in as the Secretary of Defense by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, right, as his wife Leah Esper holds the Bible, during a ceremony with President Donald Trump in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, July 23, 2019. Associated Press

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The turmoil atop the Pentagon began when Mattis stepped down last New Year's Eve after a series of policy disputes with Trump. He offered to stay two more months to get a successor in place and ensure continuity, but Trump said no.

The president was high on Mattis at the start of his administration. He liked to call the retired Marine general "Mad Dog," but the affection waned and shortly before Mattis quit Trump referred to him as "sort of a Democrat."

Even with Esper now in charge, the problem of leadership instability at the Pentagon is not fully resolved. There still is no Senate-confirmed deputy secretary of defense, though David Norquist on Tuesday was nominated for the post and is scheduled to have a confirmation hearing Wednesday. Norquist has been filling in as deputy since January; his regular job is Pentagon budget chief.

The senior leadership va-

cancies increased again last week with the departure of David Trachtenberg, the Pentagon's second-ranking civilian policy official.

Beyond that, the No. 2-ranking military officer, Gen. Paul Selva, is retiring Friday as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. No Senate confirmation hearing has been set for the man picked by Trump to replace Selva: Gen. John Hyten, who has been commander of U.S. nuclear forces as head of U.S. Strategic Command.

A military officer has accused Hyten of sexual misconduct. An investigation found insufficient evidence to charge Hyten, but some members of Congress have raised questions about that process. It's unclear when or whether Hyten's nomination will proceed.

At his confirmation hearing on July 16, Esper promised that one of his first priorities would be to fix the problem of leadership vacancies.

"I need to staff up the top tier of the Pentagon soonest," he said.

Carl Tobias, a professor



Secretary of Defense Mark Esper stands with President Donald Trump and the Appointment Affidavit after Esper was sworn in during a ceremony in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

of law at the University of Richmond, said he believes that in the months since Mattis left, the Pentagon's sway within the administration has weakened.

"This seems to be the primary challenge that Esper confronts: regaining the power to set the Defense Department agenda and defend it by doing what is best for the nation and the world, not what advances the president's political agenda," Tobias said by email.

Esper had been the Army secretary when Mattis resigned in December. On Jan. 1, the deputy defense secretary, Patrick Shana-

han, became the acting secretary. But after nearly six months as the fill-in, the former Boeing executive abruptly quit.

Esper then became the acting defense secretary, but once he was nominated last week, he had to step aside until after a Senate vote.

So, for the past week, the Pentagon had been run by yet another fill-in: Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer.

Esper, who has a wide range of experience in defense matters, including time on Capitol Hill as a congressional staff member, has said he intends to

continue the Trump administration's focus on improving the combat preparedness of the military, nurturing security alliances around the world and reforming Pentagon business practices.

All eight senators who voted against Esper's nomination are Democrats. They include Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, who has sharply criticized Esper for declining to recuse himself from all matters involving his former employer, Raytheon Co., for the duration of his time as defense secretary. □

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Pot legalization bills introduced in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bills that would legalize and tax marijuana at the national level, and provide opportunities for people convicted of federal pot crimes to clear their records, were introduced Tuesday in Congress.

The companion legislation in the House and Senate were introduced by Sen. Kamala Harris of California and New York Rep. Jarrod Nadler, the chairman of the powerful House Judiciary Committee. Both are Democrats.

"Times have changed — marijuana should not be a

crime," said Harris, who is running for president.

"We need to start regulating marijuana, and expunge marijuana convictions from the records of millions of Americans so they can get on with their lives."

The tax revenue from legalization would support job training, substance abuse treatment, literacy programs and other services for individuals and communities hit hard by drug enforcement.

Some of the revenue would also support programs designed to help "socially

and economically disadvantaged individuals" start their own marijuana businesses.

While support for marijuana legalization has gained traction in Congress it's still a longshot that a bill will pass this session.

Still, Nadler's introduction means the issue is very likely to get a hearing before his committee.

Supporters of legalization hailed Nadler's involvement as a clear sign of momentum.

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"Never in American history has the chairman of the Judiciary introduced a bill to end federal marijuana criminalization," said Justin Strekal, political director of the Washington-based Na-

tional Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. "At a time when the state you live in can determine whether cannabis can ruin your life or make you a millionaire, now more than ever we must end the national prohibition of mari-

juana." Eleven states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana since 2012 for so-called recreational use by people 21 and older. Illinois joined the list last month when that state's governor signed legislation removing crimi-



In this April 4, 2019 photo a cannabis worker displays fresh cannabis flower buds that have been trimmed for market in Gardena, Calif.

Associated Press

nal penalties and allowing for expungement of past low-level pot convictions. Legalization efforts in New York and New Jersey stalled this year despite strong support in their Legislatures. Proponents believe legalization is only a matter of time in those states. Meantime, two-thirds of the states have some form of legal medical marijuana, which also is banned at the federal level.

Opponents to national legalization warned of dangerous consequences. "This is a bill to legalize the sale of addictive, high potency marijuana candies, gummies, ice creams, soda, waxes, dabs, and concentrates nationwide," said Kevin Sabet, a former Obama administration drug-policy adviser who now heads Smart Approaches to Marijuana, an anti-legalization group. □



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In this June 15, 2018 photo, pharmaceuticals are seen in North Andover, Mass.

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GOP, Dems offer compromise to reduce drug costs for seniors

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two veteran senators — a Republican and a Democrat — unveiled compromise legislation Tuesday to reduce prescription drug costs for millions of Medicare recipients, while saving money for federal and state health care programs

serving seniors and low-income people.

Iowa Republican Chuck Grassley and Oregon Democrat Ron Wyden said the bill would for the first time limit drug copays for people with Medicare's "Part D" prescription plan, by capping patients' out-of-pocket costs at \$3,100 a year starting in 2022. They're hoping to have it ready soon for votes on the Senate floor.

The legislation would also require drugmakers to pay a price-hike penalty to Medicare if the cost of their medications goes up faster than inflation. Drugs purchased through a pharmacy as well as those administered in doctors' offices would be covered by the new inflation rebates.

Political compromises over health care are rare these days.

The bill reflects efforts by lawmakers of both parties to move beyond the rancorous debates over the Obama-era Affordable Care Act and focus on ways to lower costs for people with health insurance. Separate legislation to address "surprise medical bills" has already cleared the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee.

The senators said preliminary estimates from the Congressional Budget Office show that the Medicare program would save \$85 billion over 10 years, while seniors would save \$27 billion in out-of-pocket costs over the same period, and \$5 billion from slightly lower premiums.

The government would save \$15 billion from projected Medicaid costs. CBO also projected that Medicare's inflation rebate

would have ripple effects, leading to prescription drug savings for private insurance plans sponsored by employers or purchased directly by consumers.

The senators announced a Thursday vote on the package by the Finance Committee, which oversees Medicare and Medicaid. Grassley is the panel's chairman, while Wyden serves as the senior Democrat.

"Pharmaceutical companies play a vital role in creating new and innovative medicines that save and improve the quality of millions of American lives, but that doesn't help Americans who can't afford them," Grassley and Wyden said in a joint statement. "This legislation shows that no industry is above accountability."

The White House encouraged the Senate negotiations, and spokesman Judd Deere said the Trump administration stands ready to "work with senators to ensure this proposal moves forward and advances the president's priority of lowering drug prices."

Democrats controlling the House want to go farther by granting Medicare legal authority to directly negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies. Direct negotiations are seen as a nonstarter in the Republican-controlled Senate, but the bill's drug price inflation penalty may yet find support among Democrats in the House.

Grassley's office said the bill will force drugmakers and insurers to take greater responsibility for keeping Medicare prescription prices in line, instead of foisting increases on taxpayers and beneficiaries. □

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In this Nov. 30, 2017 photo, Todd Carmichael, chief executive and co-founder of Philadelphia-based La Colombe Coffee, speaks to me media in Philadelphia.

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CEO: Schools reject offer to pay students' late lunch bills

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press

The president of a Pennsylvania school board whose district had warned parents behind on lunch bills that their children could end up in foster care has rejected a CEO's offer to cover the cost, the businessman said Tuesday. Todd Carmichael, chief executive and co-founder of Philadelphia-based La Colombe Coffee, said he offered to give Wyoming Valley West School District \$22,000 to wipe out bills that generated the recent warning letter to parents. But school board President Joseph Mazur rejected the offer during a phone conversation Monday, Carmichael spokesman Aren Platt said Tuesday. Mazur argued that money is owed by parents who can afford to pay, Platt said.

"The position of Mr. Carmichael is, irrespective of affluence, irrespective of need, he just wants to wipe away this debt," Platt said. Mazur did not return a phone message left at his home. Wyoming Valley West's solicitor, Charles Coslett, said he did not know what the school board plans to do.

"I don't know what my

client's intention is at this point," Coslett said. "That's the end of the line."

In a letter sent to papers in the Wilkes-Barre area on Monday, Carmichael said his offer was motivated in part because he received free meals as a child growing up near Spokane, Washington.

"I know what it means to be hungry," Carmichael wrote. "I know what it means to feel shame for not being able to afford food." Carmichael said Tuesday in a phone interview that his offer stands.

"I'm just going to hold on and I'm going to continue to be optimistic and see if we can't do something," Carmichael said. "Even if you're a difficult person, we're in. What can we do?"

The letters from the school district warned parents that they "can be sent to dependency court for neglecting your child's right to food," and that the children could be removed and placed in foster care. Child welfare authorities have told the district that Luzerne County does not run its foster system that way.

Luzerne County's manager and child welfare agency

director wrote to Superintendent Irvin DeRemer, demanding the district stop making what it called false claims. DeRemer has not returned messages in recent days.

In an editorial Tuesday, the Times-Tribune of Scranton called the threats shameful and an act of hubris. The paper urged lawmakers and the state Department of Education to "outlaw such outlandish conduct by law and regulation covering lunch debt collection." Carmichael said he was struggling to understand why district officials would not welcome his help.

"Why prevent it?" he said. School officials considered serving peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to students with overdue accounts but received legal advice warning against it, the district's federal programs director, Joseph Muth, has said.

School district officials have said they planned other ways to get the lunch money, such as filing a district court complaint or placing liens on properties.

In the coming school year, Wyoming Valley West will qualify for funding to provide free lunches to all students. □



In this May 10, 2019, file image, taken from video provided by Bryan Carmody, San Francisco police armed with sledgehammers execute a search warrant at journalist Bryan Carmody's home in San Francisco.

Associated Press

San Francisco PD omitted that raid target was a journalist

By JANIE HAR
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Investigators seeking a court order to search a man's cellphone records to find out who leaked a report on the death of a San Francisco public defender failed to clearly tell a judge the target was a freelance journalist, documents unsealed Tuesday revealed. The journalist, Bryan Carmody, had his home and office raided in May by police investigating the leak. News media groups have criticized it as a violation of California's shield law, which protects journalists from being forced to reveal confidential sources and from search warrants.

Last week, San Francisco Superior Court Judge Rochelle East, who authorized a search of Carmody's cellphone records, ruled the warrant never should have been issued and barred investigators from using any evidence obtained with the order.

Warrant documents unveiled under orders from the judge show that police identified Carmody as a

"freelance videographer/communications manager" as provided in his LinkedIn profile.

"Further internet research revealed that Bryan Carmody is not currently employed by any of the news organizations that obtained the death investigation report," it said.

Carmody said in court documents that he is a veteran journalist who is often the first on the scene of breaking news. He said he is paid to provide video news packages to media outlets.

He said a source gave him a preliminary police report on the unexpected death of Jeff Adachi, which contained unsavory details. Carmody sold copies of the report along with video footage from the scene of the death and information obtained from interviews to three news stations.

San Francisco Police Chief William Scott initially defended the raid and said police suspected the journalist took part in a conspiracy to steal an internal police report, motivated by profit or animosity toward Adachi. □

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USDA rule would cut food stamp benefits for 3.1 million

By **CAROLE FELDMAN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

About 3.1 million people would lose food stamp benefits under the Trump administration's proposal to tighten automatic eligibility requirements for the food stamp program.

The Agriculture Department said Tuesday that the rule would close "a loophole" that enables people receiving only minimal benefits from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to be eligible automatically for food stamps without undergoing further checks on their income or assets.

"For too long, this loophole has been used to effectively bypass important eligibility guidelines. Too often, states have misused this flexibility without restraint," Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said in a statement.

The proposed rule is the latest in the Trump administration's efforts to cut back on the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program or SNAP, the official name of the food stamp program. It

also has proposed to tighten work requirements for those who receive federal

otherwise meet SNAP's income and asset eligibility prerequisites under the

An unpublished version of the proposed rule acknowledges the impact,

added wages could make them ineligible for the program.

"The proposed rule would weaken SNAP's role in supporting work while making it harder for families that struggle to get by on low wages to meet their basic needs," he said.

About 36 million people participated in SNAP in April 2019, down from more than 38 million a year earlier.

Under current law, states may automatically make people eligible for food stamps, if they meet income and other requirements for TANF. USDA says 43 states have expanded that to include households that it says "barely participate" in TANF.

The provision is called "expanded categorical eligibility."

USDA said the policy has resulted in people receiving food stamps who don't need it and wouldn't qualify under regular program rules.

Ellen Vollinger, legal director of the Food Research & Action Center, said the proposal was troubling and that the government should "put attention on how to help more people, not undercut supports for them and make their struggle against hunger even harder."

She said the department didn't seem to address a resulting loss of school meals, which she said the Congressional Budget Office included in its analyses of previous, similar proposals. "It's another hit on hunger," she said.

Under the proposal, to qualify for automatic eligibility, people would have to get at least \$50 a month in benefits from TANF for a minimum of six months.

Perdue said the change is necessary for "preventing abuse of a critical safety net system so those who need food assistance the most are the only ones who receive it."

The rule, expected to be published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, is open for public comment for 60 days. □



In this Feb. 27, 2019 file photo, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue testifies during a House Agriculture Committee hearing, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

food assistance.

USDA estimates that 1.7 million households — 3.1 million people — "will not

proposed rule." That would result in a net savings of about \$9.4 billion over five years.

saying it "may also negatively impact food security and reduce the savings rates among those individuals who do not meet the income and resource eligibility requirements for SNAP or the substantial and ongoing requirements for expanded categorical eligibility."

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., called the proposal "yet another attempt by this administration to circumvent Congress" and that the effect would be to "take food away from families, prevent children from getting school meals, and make it harder for states to administer food assistance."

Congress has rejected previous, similar attempts to change the expanded automatic eligibility provisions, most recently during the farm bill debate in 2018. Robert Greenstein, president of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, said the proposal could discourage working families with incomes close to the maximum for SNAP participation from seeking more work out of fear that the

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Sex with HIV still a crime? Updated laws divide advocates

By **SUDHIN THANAWALA**

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — As Sanjay Johnson describes it, his sexual encounter with James Booth on Oct. 2, 2015, was a one-night stand. But it would bind the men inextricably two years later, when Booth walked into an Arkansas police station and accused Johnson of exposing him to HIV.

Little Rock prosecutors pursued a criminal charge against Johnson even though a doctor said he couldn't have transmitted HIV to Booth because he was on medication that suppressed his virus.

"It really tested me just to keep going," Johnson said about his criminal case, which ended this year. "Last year, I thought of suicide."

Booth said he deserved to know about Johnson's HIV status regardless of any medical treatment.

"I could have protected myself," he said.

Roughly 20 states have laws like the one in Arkansas that make it a crime for people with HIV to have sex without first informing their partner of their infection, regardless of whether they used a condom or were on medication that made transmission of the disease effectively impossible.

Health experts and advocates for HIV patients say that rather than deterring behavior that could transmit the virus, such laws perpetuate stigma about the disease that can prevent people from getting diagnosed or treated.

North Carolina and Michigan recently updated their HIV policies to exempt HIV



In this Saturday, July 20, 2019 photo, Sanjay Johnson poses for a photo, in Downtown Little Rock, Ark.

patients from prosecution if they're on medication that has suppressed their virus. A Louisiana law that took effect in August 2018 allows defendants to challenge a charge of exposing someone to HIV by presenting evidence that a doctor advised them they weren't infectious.

"We shouldn't be creating laws that create additional strata and divisiveness among already marginalized populations," said Eric Paulk, deputy director of Georgia Equality.

The fight comes as the Trump administration aims to eradicate HIV — the virus that causes AIDS — by 2030.

The laws' defenders point to statistics showing tens of thousands of new HIV diagnoses each year and say that although the disease may not be a death sentence anymore, it still

requires a lifetime of expensive medical treatment.

The Arkansas attorney general's office filed a brief last year in Johnson's case rejecting the argument that criminalizing HIV exposure no longer served any purpose.

"HIV remains a serious threat to public health," it wrote.

In Booth and Johnson's case, they met through a gay dating app.

According to Booth, Johnson denied he was HIV positive before they had unprotected sex. Johnson, 26, said he didn't remember discussing his HIV status. A plea deal that prosecutors offered Johnson shows officials were mindful of advances in the science around HIV, said John Johnson, chief deputy prosecutor in Pulaski County. The deal allowed the accused man to avoid prison time

and have his record expunged.

But prosecutors also wanted to promote the importance of disclosing HIV to potential sexual partners, he said.

"The flip side of this coin is that there is a victim to this crime," the prosecutor said. People with HIV who are on antiretroviral drugs that keep their viral load below a specific threshold have "effectively no risk" of transmitting HIV, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But as of 2016, only a little more than half of the estimated 1.1 million people living with HIV in the U.S. were virally suppressed, the CDC says.

Sarah Lewis Peel, spokeswoman for North Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services, said in an email that her state's new policy ensures HIV preven-

tion and control strategies are "firmly rooted in science." Responding to criticism that the change leaves some people behind, she listed multiple programs that cover HIV medication.

Critics say states should decriminalize HIV exposure altogether unless there's intent to infect someone. That would reflect the reality that HIV is manageable and not easy to contract, dozens of advocacy groups said in a July 2017 consensus statement.

Georgia may be headed in that direction. Pending legislation would require intent to transmit HIV for a prosecution.

It's not clear how many people have faced prosecution under HIV laws around the country, but data from two states analyzed by a think tank at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law indicate they aren't isolated occurrences. Florida and Georgia authorities made nearly 1,500 arrests on suspicion of HIV-related crimes from the 1980s through 2017, hundreds of which resulted in convictions, according to the Williams Institute.

Booth said he tested positive for HIV after his encounter with Johnson. Johnson's doctor, Nathaniel Smith, told The Associated Press that Booth couldn't have contracted HIV from Johnson because a lab test around the time of their encounter showed Johnson's viral load was too low. Smith, who testified in Johnson's case, also directs the Arkansas Department of Health. □

Boris Johnson chosen as new UK leader, now faces Brexit test

By **JILL LAWLESS**
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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Boris Johnson, Britain's blustering Brexit campaigner, was chosen as the U.K.'s next prime minister on Tuesday, with a resounding mandate from the Conservative Party but conflicting demands from a politically divided country.

Johnson is set to become prime minister on Wednesday after winning an election to lead the governing Conservatives. He will have just over three months to make good on his promise to lead the U.K. out of the European Union by Oct. 31. Famed for his bravado, quips in Latin and blond mop of hair, Johnson easily defeated Conservative rival Jeremy Hunt, winning two-thirds of the votes of about 160,000 party members across the U.K. He will become prime minister once Queen Elizabeth II formally asks him to form a government, replacing Theresa May.

The embattled May announced her resignation last month after Parliament repeatedly rejected the withdrawal agreement she struck with the 28-nation bloc, leaving Britain stranded in Brexit limbo. The U.K.'s departure from the EU was delayed from its long scheduled exit in March. Johnson radiated optimism in a brief victory speech to hundreds of party members and lawmakers, pledging to "deliver Brexit, unite the country and defeat Jeremy Corbyn," leader of the opposition Labour Party.

"I say to all the doubters: 'Dude, we are going to energize the country, we are going to get Brexit done,'" said Johnson, a former London mayor and British foreign secretary. Hunt, a stolid politician compared to the flamboyant Johnson, said he was sure his rival would "do a great job."

"He's got optimism, enthusiasm, he puts a smile on people's face and he has total, unshakable confidence in our amazing country," said Hunt, who is

likely to be removed as foreign secretary by the new prime minister.

Johnson wooed Conservatives by promising to

of British Industry, said businesses needed a withdrawal agreement with the EU to restore confidence that has been badly shaken

breath of fresh air. I think he'll complete the Brexit process."

More than three years after Britain narrowly voted

miership.

"I would expect once he's in government to begin to nuance his position somewhat, because he'll now be appealing to a different set of voters: that's the U.K. electorate as a whole, not just the Conservative members, who are much more pro-Brexit."

The first clues to Johnson's plans are likely to come when he begins appointing his Cabinet on Wednesday and Thursday.

British lawmakers are due to start a six-week summer break on Friday. When they return in September, Johnson looks set for a fight with Parliament, where most members oppose leaving the EU without a deal, and where the Conservative Party lacks an overall majority.

Several government ministers have already announced they will quit so they can resist any push for a no-deal Brexit.

"We'll have to see what Boris can muster," said Conservative lawmaker Margot James, who resigned last week as digital minister. "The default position is leaving without a deal, and there is a significant majority in Parliament who will work very hard to be sure that doesn't happen. And I will be among that number."

Outside the London conference center where the Conservative result was announced, pro-Brexit and pro-EU demonstrators waved rival Union Jacks and EU flags — and both sides had their doubts about Johnson.

"In the referendum, we were told that our vote would be honored, and (politicians) have spent three years trying to thwart Brexit," said retiree Sally Wright, who was not confident Johnson would deliver where others had failed.

Anti-Brexit demonstrator Kasia Verissimo was equally skeptical.

"I think Boris Johnson is a person who will always say whatever gives him better career choices," she said. "He tells you what you want to hear." □



Newly elected leader of the Conservative party Boris Johnson arrives at Conservative party HQ in London, Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

Associated Press

succeed where May had failed and lead the U.K. out of the EU — with or without a divorce deal.

Johnson insists he can get the EU to renegotiate, something the bloc insists it won't do. If not, he says Britain must leave the EU by the Oct. 31 deadline, "come what may."

The EU is adamant that the deal with May will stand, saying Britain has to take it or leave it.

Michel Barnier, the bloc's chief Brexit negotiator, said he looked forward "to working constructively" with the new Conservative leader "to facilitate the ratification of the Withdrawal Agreement."

Economists warn that a no-deal Brexit would disrupt trade and plunge the U.K. into recession. Fears that Britain is inching closer to crashing out of the bloc weighed on the pound once again Tuesday. The currency was down another 0.3 percent at \$1.2450, nearly a two-year low.

Carolyn Fairbairn, director of the Confederation

by uncertainty about the terms of Brexit.

"On Brexit, the new prime minister must not underestimate the benefits of a good deal," she said.

Johnson faces a host of other challenges, from dealing with Iran's seizure of a British-flagged oil tanker to forging a relationship with U.S. President Donald Trump, but Brexit is his overriding problem.

Trump was scathing about May's inability to achieve a Brexit deal and has said Johnson will do a better job.

On Tuesday he said Johnson "is going to do a good job" and "will get it done."

"We have a really good man is going to be prime minister of the U.K. now, Boris Johnson," Trump told a youth conference.

"Good man. He's tough and he's smart. They say 'Britain Trump,' they call him Britain Trump, and people say that's a good thing."

White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow described Johnson as "a

to leave the EU, the country remains divided over whether to leave, and on what terms.

Johnson won the leadership contest by persuading Conservative members, who are strongly pro-Brexit, that Britain will leave the bloc "do or die."

Opponents say Johnson is reckless on Brexit and unrepentant about offensive and racist comments, such as calling Papua New Guineans cannibals and comparing Muslim women who wear face-covering veils to "letter boxes."

Opposition Liberal Democrat lawmaker Chuka Umunna tweeted: "I cannot think of a Tory leadership candidate more unfit to become the Prime Minister of this country than Boris Johnson," adding that his election was "a dark and depressing time for the U.K."

Tony Travers, professor of government at the London School of Economics, said Johnson might moderate his Brexit stance now that he has secured the pre-

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Missing men now suspects in Canada murders

By ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Two young men thought missing are now suspects in the murders of an American woman and her Australian boyfriend as well as the death of another man in northern British Columbia, Canadian police said Tuesday.

The Royal Mounted Police had said Monday they were searching for 19-year-old Kam McLeod and 18-year-old Bryer Schmegelsky, whose burning car had been discovered south of Dease Lake.

During that investigation, they found the body of an unidentified man roughly a mile (about 2 kilometers) from the car.

It's about 300 miles (500 kilometers) along remote highways from the spot where 24-year-old American Chynna Deese and 23-year-old Australian Lu-



Security camera images recorded in Saskatchewan of Kam McLeod, 19, and Bryer Schmegelsky, 18, are displayed as Royal Canadian Mounted Police Assistant Commissioner Kevin Hackett speaks during a news conference in Surrey, British Columbia, on Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

cas Fowler were found shot dead over a week ago.

RCMP Sgt. Janelle Shoihet said Tuesday that McLeod and Schmegelsky left British Columbia and have been

travelling in northern Saskatchewan in a grey 2011 Toyota Rav 4.

"The RCMP are now considering Kam McLeod and Bryer Schmegelsky suspects in

the Dease Lake suspicious death and the double homicide of Lucas Fowler and Chynna Deese," Shoihet said. Shoihet said they are con-

sidered dangerous and urged the public not to approach them and to call 911. Police released surveillance photos of the two in Saskatchewan.

The separate discoveries of three bodies and a burning car with missing occupants shook rural northern British Columbia. Murders are rare in the remote region.

Police had said Monday the two were traveling to Whitehorse in the Yukon to look for work and had not been in contact with their families for the past few days.

Police said Tuesday they were still working to identify the male body that was found nearby their burned-out vehicle, but said he appeared to be in his 50s or 60s. They released a sketch of the man, with a heavy build with a grey beard and grey hair, and asked for public help in identifying him. □

France seeks European surveillance to secure Gulf traffic

By ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France says it's working with its European partners on an observation mission to ensure maritime security in the Persian Gulf, where tensions have climbed with Iran's seizure last week of a U.K.-flagged oil tanker.

Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian made no mention

of a Europe-led "maritime protection mission" announced a day earlier by his British counterpart, Jeremy Hunt, offering instead what seems to be a softer version. France is working "at this moment on a European initiative" with Britain and Germany, he told lawmakers, without elaborating. "This vision is the opposite of the American initia-

tive, which is ... maximum pressure" against Iran.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Agnes Von der Muhll said at briefing that the initiative involves "appropriate means of surveillance" aimed at "increased understanding of the situation at sea" to facilitate traffic in a waterway that is critical to the global economy. □



A speedboat of the Iran's Revolutionary Guard moves around a British-flagged oil tanker Stena Impero, which was seized on Friday by the Guard, in the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Associated Press

US sanctions squeeze Iran middle class, upend housing sector

By **KARIN LAUB**
MOHAMMAD NASIRI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Stay-at-home mom Maryam Alidadi used to lead a comfortable middle-class life. The 35-year-old and her husband, a mechanic, could afford a spacious rental apartment in a central neighborhood of Tehran, along with a car, occasional restaurant meals and holidays abroad. Now they are barely hanging on, even after drastically cutting spending.

Like most Iranians, the family was hit hard by the collapse of the national currency, accelerating inflation and eroding wages — fallout from unprecedented U.S. sanctions.

Perhaps most devastating for Iran's large middle class has been the sharp spike in housing prices, more than double in a year. That has uprooted tenants and made home ownership unattainable for most.

The Alidadis sold their car and borrowed from friends and family to buy a smaller apartment in a less desirable area on the outskirts of Tehran — in hindsight a smart move, since they've been priced out of their old neighborhood by now.

"Right now, this is the most difficult period ever," said Alidadi's 58-year-old mother, Shahla Allahverdi, reflecting on the Islamic Republic's 40-year history as she shared a park bench with her daughter.

Iranians worry about the future as tensions between Iran and the West continue to rise.

The escalation — triggered by the Trump administration's withdrawal last year from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers — seems unstoppable, and European mediators trying to defuse the situation keep coming up short.

The showdown between Washington and Tehran has upended the lives of Iranians as they try to survive on less. A bride borrowed a wedding dress because she couldn't afford to buy or even rent one. More newlyweds move in



This July 6, 2019 photo shows residential towers in District 22, that consists of apartment high-rises and shopping malls arranged around an artificial lake called Chitgar, under construction on the northwestern edge of Tehran, Iran.

with their families to save money. Visa requests are up at foreign embassies, with young Iranians eager to leave.

Some wonder how far Washington is willing to push its "maximum pressure" campaign.

The Trump administration says the sanctions are aimed at getting Iran to renegotiate the nuclear deal, which offered sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on Iran's nuclear program.

Washington denies its ultimate aim is to end the rule of Shiite Muslim clerics — though John Bolton, an architect of the pressure campaign, called for regime change before he became Trump's national security adviser.

Some say Washington's actions appear to have strengthened the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard and other hard-liners at the expense of President Hassan Rouhani, once the nuclear deal's most prominent champion.

The Guard has been able to deepen its role in the

economy, domestic politics and foreign policy under the guise of security, said Ellie Geranmayeh, a senior fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations.

Despite the economic upheaval, there have only been sporadic protests.

Iran analyst Adnan Tatababai said he believes Iranians are "reluctant to take their grievances to the street" for now, amid fear of further chaos and pushback by the authorities.

The economy contracted by 4.9% from March 2018 to March 2019. It is expected to shrink by an additional 5.5% in the year ending March 2020, according to Iranian figures. The official inflation rate has risen to 35%, up from 23.8% in the March 2018 to March 2019 period.

The housing and construction sector, which makes up about one-quarter of the economy and is the top destination for savings and investments, has been thrown out of balance.

Property owners are reluctant to sell and landlords

are sharply raising rents because of the currency collapse, said Ali Dadpay, a finance professor at the University of Dallas. He said an estimated 490,000 homes stand empty in and around the capital, including more than 40,000 units added this year.

At the same time, construction lags far behind the need of 1.2 million new homes a year nationwide, said Hesam Oghabaei, deputy head of the Tehran association of real estate agents.

He said about 25% of Tehran's residents live in rented apartments, and the vast majority cannot afford the price increases.

The Peyman family — elderly parents and eight adult children — own a 110 square meter (1,180 square feet) apartment in Tehran's District 12, a poor area plagued by drug addiction and other social problems. More than a decade ago, the Peymans rented the apartment, and used the extra income to move to a nicer area.

Now they are back in Dis-

trict 12, renovating the old apartment after being squeezed out of the good neighborhood by a rent hike.

"We have to come here because we have no other choice," said the patriarch, Moslem, 65. Four unmarried children will live with him and his wife. Across-the-board price increases put marriage out of reach.

One of Tehran's newest areas, District 22, is under construction on the northwestern edge of the city. It consists of apartment high-rises and shopping malls arranged around an artificial lake called Chitgar.

Maryam Alidadi and her husband bought an 82-square-meter (880 square feet) apartment here in December, downsizing by a third from their rented home in a more affluent area.

"Our standard of living has dropped considerably," she said, adding that she now regrets having quit her government job four years ago when her son Rami was born.

The U.S. sanctions have proven particularly devastating for Iran's large middle class, said Dadpay, the finance professor. "This is the economic class that depends on the global economy, depends on their skillsets, and most of them are earning fixed incomes," he said.

The economic freefall could shape Iran's domestic politics, with parliament elections in February posing the first test. Middle class voters have traditionally favored reformist candidates but might sit out voting because of a lack of alternatives, inadvertently boosting hard-liners.

Pro-reform politicians who favor a greater opening to the West are closely linked to the nuclear deal.

With the deal faltering, the hard-liners, including the Revolutionary Guard, are becoming more entrenched, said Geranmayeh, the analyst.

The Guard, she said, "is going to be a force to be reckoned with for many years to come." □



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S. Korea, Russia differ over warning shots fired at jets

By HYUNG-JIN KIM
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean air force jets fired 360 rounds of warning shots Tuesday after a Russian military plane twice violated South Korea's airspace off the country's eastern coast, Seoul officials said in an announcement that was quickly disputed by Russia.

South Korea said three Russian military planes — two Tu-95 bombers and one A-50 airborne early warning and control aircraft — entered the South's air defense identification zone off its east coast before the A-50 intruded in South Korean airspace. Russia said later that two of its Tu-95MS bombers were on a routine flight over neutral waters and didn't enter South Korean territory.

South Korea said it was the first time a foreign military plane had violated its airspace since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War.

According to South Korean accounts, an unspecified number of South Korean fighter jets, including F-16s, scrambled to the area and fired 10 flares and 80 rounds from machine guns as warning shots.

Seoul defense officials said the Russian reconnaissance aircraft left the area three minutes later but later returned and violated South Korean airspace again for four minutes. The officials said the South Korean fighter jets then fired another 10 flares and 280 rounds from machine guns as warning shots.

But the commander of Russia's long-range aviation forces denied both that



This image released by Joint Staff, Ministry of Defense, shows Russian A-50 airborne early warning and control aircraft flying near the Korean-controlled island called Takeshima in Japanese Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

Associated Press

Kenya's finance minister denies fraud charges in dam project

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenya's finance minister is denying fraud-related charges over contracts for the construction of two dams in the country's west. This is the first time a Kenyan finance minister has been charged while in office.

Henry Rotich and 14 other officials appeared in court on Tuesday.

They were arrested on Monday for their alleged roles in awarding contracts and payments to the Italian firm CMC di Ravenna. The

company denies wrongdoing.

The charges allege that the officials conspired to defraud Kenya's government in the building of Kimwarer and Aror dams in Elgeyo Marakwet county, where no construction work has started despite billions of shillings already spent.

The prosecution has asked for stringent bail terms.

Corruption permeates all levels of Kenyan society and President Uhuru Kenyatta has promised to tackle it. □

the planes had violated South Korean airspace and that shots were fired.

"If the Russian pilots had identified such a threat to themselves, they would have immediately given an appropriate response," Lt. Gen. Sergei Kobylash said, according to Russian news agencies.

He said South Korean military planes escorted the Russian planes over neutral waters, which he called "aerial hooliganism."

South Korea's presidential national security adviser, Chung Eui-yong, told top Russian security official Nikolai Patrushev that South Korea views Russia's airspace violation "very seriously" and will take "much stronger" measures if a similar incident occurs, according to South Korea's presidential office.

Pavel Felgenhauer, an independent Russian military analyst, told The Associ-

ated Press he believed the incursion could have been a navigation mistake. He also suggested the incident would not have serious consequences because "South Korea right now is not very interested in pressing this into a kind of long-term worsening of relations."

The former Soviet Union supported North Korea and provided the country with weapons during the Korean War, which killed millions. In 1983, a Soviet air force fighter jet fired an air-to-air missile at a South Korean passenger plane that strayed into Soviet territory, killing all 269 people on board.

Relations between Seoul and Moscow gradually improved, and they established diplomatic ties in 1990, a year before the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The airspace that South

Korea says the Russian warplane violated is above a group of South Korean-held islets roughly halfway between South Korea and Japan that have been a source of territorial disputes between the two Asian countries. Russia isn't part of those disputes.

Japan, which claims ownership over the islets, protested to South Korea for firing warning shots over Japanese airspace. South Korea later countered that it cannot accept the Japanese statement, repeating that the islets are South Korean territory.

Japan also protested to Russia for allegedly violating Japanese airspace.

South Korea said the three Russian planes entered the South Korean air defense identification zone with two Chinese bombers. South Korea said the Chinese planes didn't intrude upon South Korean airspace. □

Venezuelan blackout eases in some areas; opposition rallies

By **SCOTT SMITH**
CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's opposition on Tuesday sought to harness anger over a massive blackout that deepened hardship nationwide, but a relatively modest turnout at a Caracas demonstration highlighted the weariness of Venezuelans who despair of an imminent solution to their plight.

Lights came back on in parts of the capital and other areas of Venezuela overnight following a nearly nine-hour outage that the government blamed on an "electromagnetic attack" against the power grid, without providing any evidence. Government opponents say years of mismanagement and corruption were to blame.

Electricity supply remained unstable in many regions. The blackout knocked out communications and the Caracas metro on Monday, forcing commuters to walk home or hustle for a spot on packed buses. The metro remained out of operation Tuesday.

The scenes in the capital



People protest a day after a massive blackout as they gather for a rally called by opposition leader and self-proclaimed interim president of Venezuela Juan Guaidó, in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

were familiar, even though Caracas has been mostly spared the debilitating power cuts that persisted in other parts of the country after nationwide outages in March. The latest blackout didn't make much difference to people with scarce power in Maracaibo, Venezuela's second-largest city.

Maritza Arámbula, a Ma-

racaibo resident, said she was tired of a government that makes "excuses" and an opposition continually seeking support from Venezuela's exhausted citizens. "We need solutions, not promises," Arámbula said. "Not having light makes me sick."

In Caracas, the opposition-led congress held a session in a main square to

try to keep pressure on the government of President Nicolás Maduro, who has defied U.S.-led efforts to oust him. Opposition leader Juan Guaidó appeared in front of bunting in the colors of the Venezuelan flag — red, blue and yellow — and said, as he often has in the past, that the government he calls a "dictatorship" is crumbling.

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"We have to win," he said. In addition to congress deputies, several hundred other people attended the event, a far smaller crowd than the throngs that poured into the streets in January when Guaidó declared he was interim president and that Maduro's 2018 re-election was a sham. Some activists said the turnout was low because public transport wasn't available, though opposition demonstrations in Caracas have diminished in size over several months. Guaidó tweeted about the nationwide blackout, blaming it on the incompetence of a government that claims to espouse the socialist principles of Maduro's late predecessor, Hugo Chávez.

"For Venezuelans, it's not an option to get used to this tragedy," he said.

The Venezuelan government blamed sabotage, echoing allegations that the United States was behind nearly a week of blackouts in March that were allegedly aimed at forcing out Maduro. U.S. officials have scoffed at the suggestion. □

Cellphones sought in Puerto Rico as political crisis deepens

By **DÁNICA COTO**
Associated Press
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— A Puerto Rico judge issued search warrants for the cellphones of government officials involved in a crude and offensive online chat whose leak has set off a political crisis that threatens to bring down the U.S. territory's governor.

Kelvin Carrasco, a spokesman for the island's Justice Department, said Tuesday that the warrants were approved overnight and issued to those who had yet to turn over their phones. He did not identify the officials and would not comment further.

While he didn't say what was under investigation, the warrants raise the possibility that some of the 12 men in the chat, including former and current government officials, could face legal trouble, deepening



Demonstrators affected by tear gas thrown by the police run during clashes in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Monday, July 22, 2019.

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the crisis around Gov. Ricardo Rosselló.

For the past week and a half, protesters have taken to the streets in Puerto Rico's biggest wave of demonstrations in at least 15 years, demanding the governor step down in a crisis set off by the release of an 889-page transcript showing Rosselló participating

in an obscenity-laden chat with top advisers and at least one lobbyist.

The group insulted women and mocked constituents, including victims of Hurricane Maria. Rosselló called a female politician a "whore," referred to another as a "daughter of a bitch," and made fun of an obese man with whom he

posed in a photo. The participants also talked about politics and government contracts.

The island's main opposition party and others have accused chat participants of legal and ethical violations, including intervening in public policy matters when they were not authorized to do so, and called on authorities to investigate. Those who said they turned over their cellphones as requested by justice officials last week include Chief of Staff Ricardo Llerandi; a former legal adviser to the governor, Alfonso Orona; and former Public Affairs Secretary Ramón Rosario. The leaked chat has intensified long-smoldering anger over government corruption and mismanagement that many blame for a 13-year recession and a severe debt crisis that has led to austerity measures,

including pension cuts and school closings. Many are also resentful over Puerto Rico's slow recovery from Maria, which devastated the island nearly two years ago and led to thousands of deaths.

As the search warrants were being approved, a small group of protesters clashed with police overnight, and a tear gas canister set a car on fire in the old colonial section of Puerto Rico's capital where the governor's mansion is situated. The protests have escalated to a point where many wonder how Rosselló will be able to govern. Rosselló dug his heels in late Monday, telling Fox News that he has already apologized and made amends following the leak of the chat. But many Puerto Ricans vowed to keep protesting until he steps down, no matter how long it takes. □

LOCAL



Aruba's Nature is to be Cherished



ST. CRUZ — The national park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There is numerous wildlife to discover like for example the sea turtle who lays his eggs on the park's beaches. There are more places on the island that are a preserved area like the Bubali Plas which is a bird sanctuary.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the islands past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is avail-

able. Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches? In the national park, a Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by the same female hatches. A very rare occurrence of daytime nesting and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.

Bubali Magic

This beautiful close-up image of the pink bird is courtesy of Michiel Oversteegen of the Aruba Bird-

life Conservation. This important foundation showcases and builds awareness of Aruba's birds and other native flora and fauna. You may have seen a 'pink cloud' lately at the Bubali or Spanish Lagoon Wetlands areas? It's most likely to be Roseate Spoonbills (*Ajaia ajaia*) or 'Chucharon Cora' as they are known in Papiamentu. This unusual looking bird forages in shallow muddy water while sweeping its flattened bill from side to side to catch small fish, crustaceans and other aquatic invertebrates. The Roseate Spoonbill remains an uncommon sight as they are vulnerable to degradation of feeding and nesting habitats (Wetlands). (Source: arikok national park)

The afore mentioned is just a part of what Aruba's nature has to of-

fer. We cannot stress enough to go, see for yourself. The island has the most beautiful beaches but it is also worthwhile to go beyond this and get an idea of our entire island. Lately there is a discussion going on about the effect certain activities have on our nature, for example the ATV vehicles cause a lot of dust, noise and leave tire tracks.

Animals live in these areas where the vehicles run, often with high speed and with detrimental consequences to flora and fauna. Motorized vehicles are forbidden to drive on the sand dunes in the Northern part of the island and all beaches in Aruba are forbidden for any motorized vehicle. Treasure our island to enjoy it like you do: as a tropical and natural paradise. We truly appreciate it! □



The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors on the island



PALM BEACH — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The Distinguished Visitor certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 10 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were Mrs. Jennifer Howard together with her 11-year-old daughter Juliana Howard. They were also accompanied by 10-year-old Isabella Urbani who also received her certificate. Last but not least the family John and Rendy Meissner also received their certificate as distinguished visitors of Aruba.

The honorees stated that

they love the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches, delicious variety of foods, safety and Aruba's warm

and friendly people. Ms. Richardson together with the representatives of the Marriott Surf Club presented the certificates to the honorees, and also handed

over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home away from home. □



Bucuti & Tara associates celebrated for their 10, 20 & 30+ years in service

"After 17 years, I cannot imagine working anywhere else" – Anel, breakfast team at Bucuti & Tara



EAGLE BEACH – Each quarter, associates of Bucuti & Tara gather with the hotel owner, Ewald Biemans and all the department heads to learn and share about the overall status of the resort as well as the fu-

ture plans and investments that will be taking place.

Celebrated were the thirty percent of associates across all departments who have been with

the company over ten years, with eleven associates over fifteen years, seven associates over twenty years and five over thirty years working with Bucuti & Tara.

Led by the Bieman's philosophy of continual renewal and reinvestment, associates have seen vast improvements over the years. Starting as a Golden Tulip Resort in 1987, Bucuti & Tara is now a celebrated four-diamond boutique resort with the #1 TripAdvisor rating in the Caribbean for Service and Romance, with a #8 rating in the world for romance. Improvements through the years have transformed the resort into the ultimate romantic getaway experience and combined with a 97%-year round occupancy and a 63% guest return rate, the happy guests and a beautiful work environment have been cited as a great source of motivation and inspiration for associates and management alike.

Juana (Anchie) Werleman has worked in several departments of the hotel in her 32 years and is known for her broad smile and sunny disposition. Angie shared: "Guest have become my fam-

ily over so many years. Thanks to Bucuti, I have managed to travel around the world and build my own house".

Bernice Dennis, also with 32 years in the resort, enjoys a very good relationship with her fellow associates and says 'It feels good to arrive at the job'".

Anel Villafana-Molina works in Food & Beverage and has been with the resort 17 years. Anel explains that she enjoys the quietness of the surroundings and the peaceful work atmosphere. She enjoys that the resort learns about guest preferences before they arrive, so she is prepared to celebrate special occasions or special diets to exceed their expectations. "I like to interact with the repeat guests every year".

During the quarterly meeting, the leadership team honored the long serving associates with thanks for making the success of the resort possible. 'The genuine care and service given by our associates are what makes the resort special and I read about it every day in our guest surveys. We could not do it without them!' states Ewald Biemans. □

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The honoree was **Diane Cassano** resident of New York, who has been coming to the island for 30 years consecutively. Cassano stated that she loves coming to the island for its friendly people, the great selection of restaurants and casinos and the warm inviting sun.

Ms. Darline De Cuba together with Nathalie Arends member of Renaissance Ocean Suites, thanked her for choosing Aruba as her vacation destination and as her home away from home for so many years. □



Tickle your Taste Buds with Tierra del Sol



NOORD — There is a place on the Northern part of the island that makes up for your perfect dream night. The location: the island's rugged north coast and blue ocean forming your panoramic from Tierra del Sol's restaurant, either from the poolside outdoor terrace or from the elegant indoor restaurant. The offering: From breakfast to dinner excellent cuisine, friendly service, and a gorgeous setting, but now even more special with the NEW 'All You Can Taste' concept – on from Tuesdays to Saturdays from 6PM – 10PM.

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Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



Wednesday 24

Scavenger Hunt at the Museum

- Explore our history as an exciting scavenger hunt event at the Historical Museum Fort Zoutman & Willem III Toren. Learn everything about our ancestors in an interactive way and create your own mask.
- From 9:00AM – 12:00PM
- Historical Museum of Aruba, Fort Zoutman & Willem III Tower, Oranjestad
- Facebook: Museo Historico Aruba: Fort Zoutman & Willem III Toren

Thursday 25

Movie Night at the National Library

- It's an open-air movie night at the National Library of Aruba. Featuring this week 'Wonderpark'. Free Entrance.
- Starts at 7:00PM
- National Library of Aruba (George Madurostraat, Oranjestad)
- Facebook: Biblioteca Nacional Aruba



Friday 26

Flamingo Mosaic Workshop

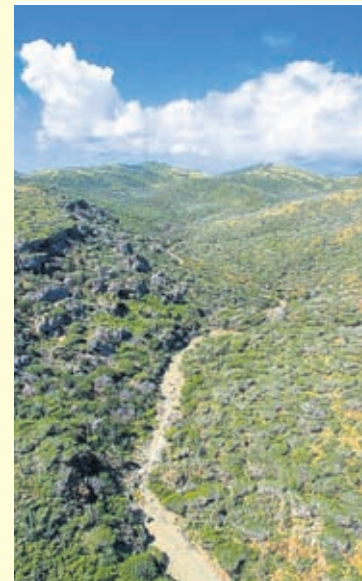
- Learn how to make a marvelous mosaic piece for endless enjoyment. Workshop given by local artist Merveline Geerman. Register at cosechaworkshop@gmail.com
- From 5:00PM-8:00PM
- Cosecha, (B v/d Veen Zeppenfeldstraat 20, San Nicolas)
- Facebook Cosecha Aruba



Saturday 27

Aruba Symphony Festival- Closing Concert

- Delight yourself with the peaceful music of Aruba Symphony Orchestra playing: Beethoven Symphony no.7 and a series of pieces for trumpet and orchestra featuring international soloist Francisco 'Pancho' Flores.
- Starts at 8:00PM
- Cas di Cultura (Aruba's House of Culture, Oranjestad)
- Facebook Aruba Symphony Festival



Sunday 28

Roughwalk at Arikok National Park

- Looking to explore Aruba's Nature? Then here's your opportunity. A 8.1 km rough walk starting at the Visitor Center at Arikok national Park and heading to Miralamar, Jamanota Cashunti, Shidaha-raka and Jara Sport Complex (Savaneta). Transportation back by bus to the visitor center will be available. Please register at reservations@arubanationalpark.org
- From 6:30AM
- Visitors Center Arikok National Park
- Facebook: Arikok National Park



Monday 29

Carnival Night at Eagle Aruba

- Dance the night away with live steel pan music and a spectacular carnival show. Experience some delicious local dishes and take home hand crafted artifacts.
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- Eagle Aruba Resort Courtyard
- Facebook Eagle Aruba Resort & Casino

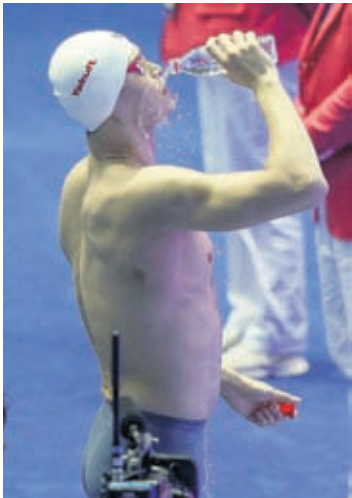
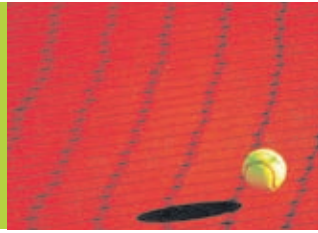


Tuesday 30

Art Meditation

- Self care is as important as breathing. We explore the world of art and practice our mindfulness through meditation. Come and relax the night before bedtime. It's time to take care of your temple.
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SPORTS



China's Sun Yang pours water ahead of his swim in the men's 200m freestyle semifinal at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, Monday, July 22, 2019.

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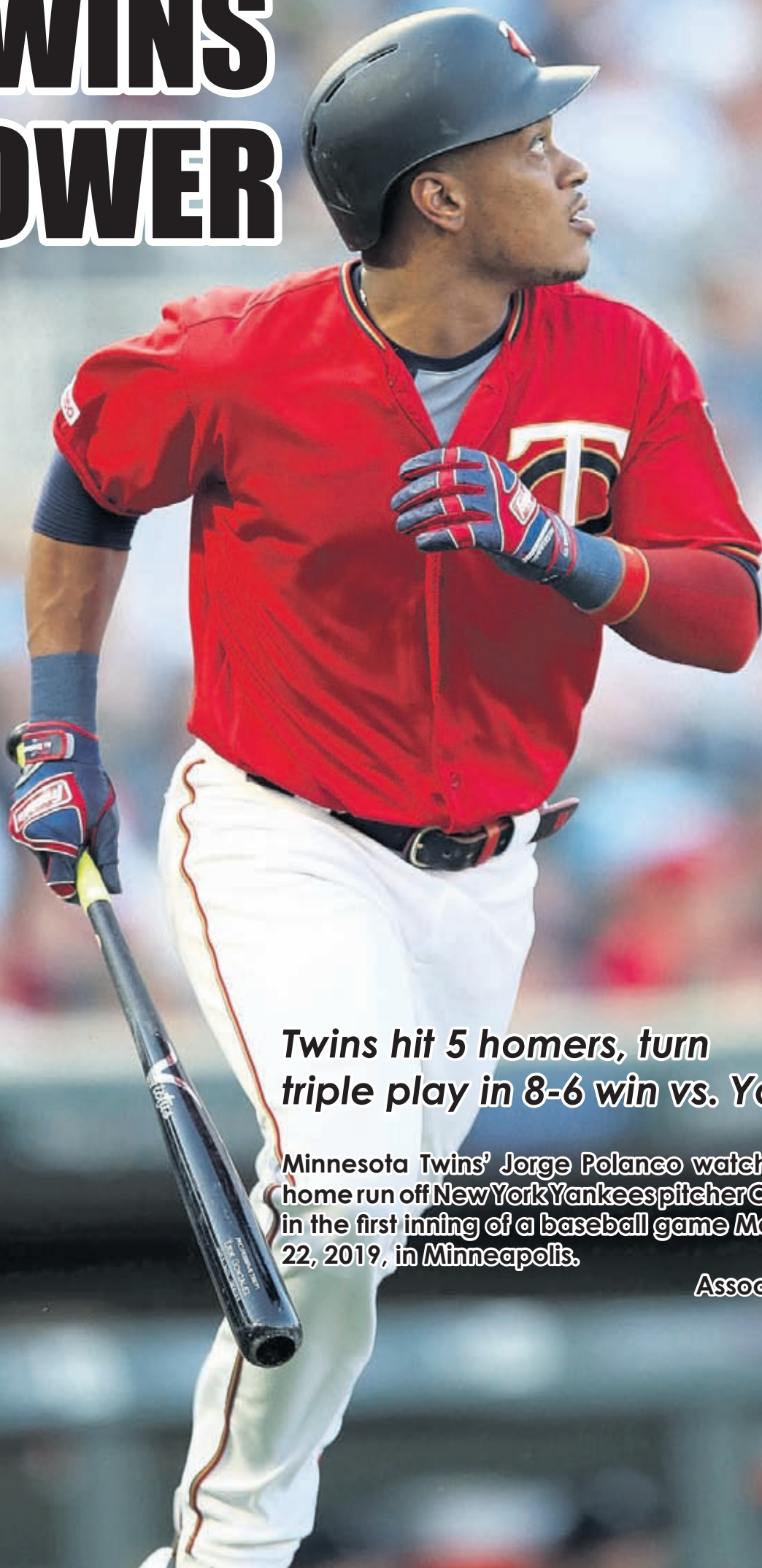
China's Sun wins 200 free via DQ, gets shunned on podium

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

GWANGJU, South Korea (AP) — Sun Yang was in the middle of controversy at the world swimming championships again. Only this time, it wasn't his doing. The Chinese star with a history of doping still got shunned on the medals podium. Sun won the 200-meter freestyle on Tuesday night after Danas Rapsys of Lithuania finished first and got disqualified for an apparent false start. Sun touched second, but was elevated after Rapsys had already celebrated in the pool. Sun appeared surprised, clasping his hands to his face, but quickly sat on the lane rope and raised both arms in the air as a mix of cheers and boos rang out. Katsuhiro Matsumoto of Japan took silver. Martin Malyutin of Russia and Duncan Scott of Britain tied for bronze.

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TWINS TOWER



Twins hit 5 homers, turn triple play in 8-6 win vs. Yankees

Minnesota Twins' Jorge Polanco watches his solo home run off New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia in the first inning of a baseball game Monday, July 22, 2019, in Minneapolis.

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Russian boxer, 28, dies after suffering brain injury in ring

By **JAMES ELLINGWORTH**
AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Boxer Maxim Dadashev died Tuesday, two days after suffering a brain injury in a fight in Maryland. He was 28.

The Russian Boxing Federation said Dadashev suffered a brain swelling in Friday's light-welterweight fight with Subriel Matias at the Theater at MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland. He underwent surgery but his heart stopped Tuesday, the federation said.

Dadashev was hospitalized at UM Prince George's Hospital Center shortly after the fight, which was stopped by his corner following the 11th round after Dadashev took numerous shots to the head.

Footage from the fight shows Dadashev shaking his head in his corner as his trainer, Buddy McGirt, pleads with him to stop the fight, telling him: "You're getting hit too much, Max."



In this Oct. 20, 2018, file photo, Maxim Dadashev, of Russia, left, hits Antonio DeMarco, of Mexico, during a junior welterweight bout in Las Vegas. Maxim Dadashev has died after suffering a brain injury in a fight in Maryland. He was 28.

Please, Max, please let me do this."

Shortly after, the referee stopped the bout at McGirt's request.

The Russian Boxing Federation's secretary general, Umar Kremlev, said the federation would investigate whether anyone was at

fault for Dadashev's death. "We need to know the truth about what happened," Kremlev wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "I believe that some human factors intervened, that there was some kind of violation."

He added the federation

would give Dadashev's family financial support.

Both fighters were 13-0 before the bout, which offered the winner the right to challenge IBF titleholder Josh Taylor. Dadashev had been viewed as a rising star after beating two former world lightweight champi-

ons, Darleys Perez and Antonio DeMarco, last year. Before Friday's fight, he had won 11 of his 13 fights by way of knockout.

In a statement, promoter Top Rank called Dadashev "a talented fighter inside the ring and a loving husband and father outside the ropes."

He was originally from the Russian city of St. Petersburg but had fought exclusively in the United States since turning pro in 2016.

"He was a very kind person who fought until the very end," Dadashev's wife, Elizaveta Apushkina, said in a statement issued by the hospital. "Our son will continue (to) be raised to be a great man like his father. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone that cared for Maxim during his final days." The Russian embassy in the U.S. said in a statement on Facebook it is "ready to provide any necessary assistance for (Dadashev's) repatriation to Russia." □

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Goldschmidt's grand slam in 10th lifts Cards by Pirates 6-5

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt hit his fifth career grand slam in the top of the 10th and right fielder Jose Martinez threw out the tying run at the plate to help St. Louis beat Pittsburgh.

Goldschmidt took an offering from Clay Holmes (1-1) and sent it to the concourse that runs behind the wall in right-center field as the streaking Cardinals improved to 8-3 since the All-Star break. Goldschmidt's 19th home run of the season was just enough after St. Louis closer Carlos Martinez nearly let a four-run cushion get away.

Matt Wieters hit his eighth home run for the Cardinals and added a sacrifice fly. Chasen Shreve (1-0) picked up the victory by escaping



St. Louis Cardinals' Paul Goldschmidt rounds second after hitting a grand slam off Pittsburgh Pirates relief pitcher Clay Holmes during the 10th inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Monday, July 22, 2019.

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a two-on, two-out jam in the ninth.

Starling Marte had three hits for Pittsburgh. Bell, Colin

Moran and Bryan Reynolds all drove in runs but the Pirates left 11 runners on base to fall to 2-8 since a 12-5

surge pulled them within 2½ games of first in the NL Central at the break.

REDS 6, BREWERS 5

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Eugenio Suarez hit a pair of home runs, including a two-run, go-ahead shot in the ninth inning off Jeremy Jeffress as Cincinnati rallied past Milwaukee.

Suarez had given Cincinnati a 4-1 lead when he took Adrian Houser deep with two out in the seventh. The Brewers took the lead right back an inning later when Tyler Saladino connected on a first-pitch fastball from Rasiel Iglesias for his second grand slam in as many days, snapping an 0-for-8 drought with runners in scoring position for Milwaukee.

Wandy Peralta (1-1)

pitched a perfect inning to get the victory while Jared Hughes got the final out to earn his first save.

Right-hander Chase Anderson struck out six over 5 2/3 innings for Milwaukee. Jeffress (3-3) took the loss.

GIANTS 5, CUBS 4

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Joe Panik hit a go-ahead double with two outs in a three-run eighth inning, and San Francisco continued its winning ways since the All-Star break by rallying past Chicago.

Austin Slater doubled home the tying run, and Brandon Crawford hit an RBI single to help key the late comeback against Pedro Strop (2-4) as surprising San Francisco (51-50) won for the ninth time in 10 games and 16th in 19.

Robel Garcia and Kyle Schwarber each hit a solo homer for the Cubs, who couldn't hold a 4-2 lead in the eighth.

Drew Pomeranz pitched two perfect innings in relief for the Giants, then Trevor Gott (7-0) worked the eighth. Sam Dyson finished for his second save, but issued a two-out walk and Addison Russell's single to make it interesting until the final out. Schwarber popped up to end it.

DIAMONDBACKS 6, ORIOLES 3

PHOENIX (AP) — Eduardo Escobar tripled twice, Adam Jones had three hits against his former team and Arizona beat Baltimore in the opener of a three-game series.

Robbie Ray (9-6) struck out 10 in six innings, allowing three runs and eight hits for his fourth win in four starts. All four of his 10-strikeout games this season have come against AL teams. Greg Holland pitched the ninth inning for his 17th save.

Hanser Alberto and Renato Núñez hit solo home runs for the Orioles in the fifth, Núñez with getting his team-leading 23rd homer of the season. Baltimore had won three of four but has the worst record in the majors at 31-68. Aaron Brooks (2-4) allowed six runs in 3 2/3 innings. □

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Garver hits 2 of Twins' 5 home runs in 8-6 win over Yankees

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Mitch Garver hit two of Minnesota's five home runs, and the Twins held on for an 8-6 victory over the New York Yankees after a tone-setting triple play in the first inning of a series opener between AL division leaders Monday night.

Jorge Polanco, Nelson Cruz and Max Kepler also went deep, giving the Twins their eighth game with five or more homers this season. All but Garver's second solo shot came off starter CC Sabathia (5-5), who lasted only four innings.

Martín Pérez was hit just as hard, serving up home runs to Gio Urshela, Luke Voit, and AL batting leader DJ LeMahieu, a two-run drive.

Nine of the last 13 batters against Pérez reached, with 14 total bases, and he left after failing to get an out in the fifth. LeMahieu went 3 for 4 to raise his batting average to .338, and the Yankees hit multiple homers for the 20th time in 29 games.

Rookie Lewis Thorpe (1-1) got his first major league win by working 2 2/3 scoreless innings.

Taylor Rogers earned his 15th save. The Twins had lost four of their first six games on this homestand.

RED SOX 9, RAYS 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — J.D. Martinez homered and drove in four runs, including an RBI double in the ninth inning following Tampa Bay's curious decision to put a position player on the mound, and Boston beat the Rays.

Eduardo Rodriguez (12-4) allowed two hits over seven scoreless innings to win his sixth straight decision. He limited the sputtering Rays to a pair of infield singles and four walks before being replaced by Nathan Eovaldi.

Eovaldi labored through two-thirds of an inning, yielding three run-scoring hits and allowing the Rays to cut the lead to five runs.

Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash sent out rookie infielder Mike Brosseau to pitch the ninth. Brosseau, who started the game at second base, allowed doubles to Xander Bogaerts and Martinez. He was the fifth player to pitch for the Rays in the game.

Martinez, Andrew Benintendi and Sam Travis homered in the third inning, when the Red Sox scored seven runs against former Boston prospect Jalen Beeks (5-1).

Tampa Bay has dropped six of seven.

INDIANS 7, BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO (AP) — Mike Clevinger pitched seven innings to win his

third straight decision, Oscar Mercado homered and tripled, and

nings. He walked four and struck out three.



Minnesota Twins' Mitch Garver rounds the bases on a solo home run off New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia in the fourth inning of a baseball game Monday, July 22, 2019, in Minneapolis.

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Cleveland beat Toronto to improve to 13-3 in July.

Francisco Lindor drove in a pair of runs and Jason Kipnis had two hits and scored twice for the Indians, who are a major league-best 29-11 since June 4.

Clevinger (4-2) allowed three runs and five hits. He walked two and struck out seven. The right-hander is 3-0 with a 1.88 ERA in four July starts.

Tyler Clippard finished with two perfect innings. Kipnis ended the game with a spectacular leaping catch at second base on Cavan Biggio's liner into shallow right field. Making his first start of the season after being sidelined with a sore elbow, Blue Jays left-hander Ryan Borucki (0-1) allowed four runs, two earned, and seven hits in 4 2/3 in-

ASTROS 11, ATHLETICS 1

HOUSTON (AP) — Gerrit Cole pitched seven strong innings and Aledmys Diaz, Yordan Alvarez and Yuli Gurriel homered as Houston jumped on Homer Bailey for nine runs early and sailed to a win over Oakland.

Cole (11-5) yielded two hits and one run while striking out 11 to help Houston to its sixth straight win. Cole has won seven straight decisions, with his last loss coming on May 22.

Bailey (8-7), who was acquired from Kansas City on July 14, allowed a season-high nine runs and tied a season high with eight hits in just two-plus innings. It was the first loss since June 1 for the veteran right-hander, who had won four straight decisions capped by

Wednesday's win against Seattle in his debut for the Athletics.

Alvarez doubled in a run off Brian Schlitter with two outs in the inning to give him 35 RBIs, which is the most in major league history by a player in his first 30 games, surpassing the 34 Albert Pujols had in 2001. Matt Chapman doubled for Oakland's first hit with one out in the fourth and the Athletics made it 11-1 when he scored on a two-out double by Mark Canha.

Those were the only two hits as the Athletics ended a streak of 21 straight games with a home run.

WHITE SOX 9, MARLINS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Ivan Nova pitched a four-hitter that led Chicago over Miami.

Jose Abreu hit a two-run homer and Yoan Moncada added a three-run shot, and James McCann and Ryan Goins later connected for back-to-back drives.

Chicago opened a 10-game homestand by winning for the third time in 11 tries. The Marlins fell to 0-4 on their current six-game road trip. The White Sox became the first team in the majors to have protective netting in place from foul pole to foul pole, extending the safety measure for their first game at Guaranteed Rate Field since the All-Star break.

Nova (5-9) improved to 5-0 lifetime against the Marlins, striking out five with no walks.

Jorge Alfaro homered in the second inning for the lone Miami run.

Trevor Richards (3-12) allowed seven runs over five innings in his seventh consecutive loss. He walked one and struck out seven.

MARINERS 7, RANGERS 3

SEATTLE (AP) — Marco Gonzales recovered from a shaky start to throw seven strong innings, Austin Nola hit a three-run homer to put Seattle ahead for good, and the Mariners handed Texas its eighth straight loss.

The Rangers' swoon since the All-Star break continued as Texas was shut down by Gonzales (11-8) after the second inning. The left-hander finished seven for the second time in his past three starts, retiring 13 straight during one stretch and 17 of the final 18 batters he faced.

Nola hit his third homer in the second off Texas starter Adrian Sampson (6-7).

Mallex Smith added a two-run single in the fourth and Kyle Seager homered leading off the eighth. Sampson (6-7) made his first start since July 5 after three straight appearances out of the bullpen and gave up six runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings. □

Thomas crashes again as heat wave engulfs Tour de France

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**
AP Sports Writer

NIMES, France (AP) — Crashing is becoming a bad habit for defending Tour de France champion Geraint Thomas.

After hitting the ground twice over the past two weeks, the Welshman fell off his bike one more time on Tuesday as a heat wave engulfed the race ahead of grueling days in the Alps when the Tour will reach its climax.

Once again, Thomas was lucky enough to escape with bruises and scratches, but the timing of his crash in the rural hinterland of the antique Roman city of Nimes was unfortunate. Although Thomas quickly got back on his bike and did not lose time, crashes always have a lingering effect on riders' bodies. It's generally after 48 hours that the soreness reaches its peak, and that's when he will be fighting in high altitude with rivals trying to take him off his perch.

Lagging 1 minute, 35 seconds behind race leader Julian Alaphilippe with the race now going into its five last stages, Thomas was caught off guard under a scorching sun about 40 kilometers into the stage won by Australian sprinter Caleb Ewan. The peloton was not riding at full speed, but Thomas was surprised.

"I just had one hand on the bars, and the gears



Australia's Caleb Ewan, left, celebrates as crosses the finish line with Slovakia's Peter Sagan to win the sixteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 117 kilometers (73 miles) with start and finish in Nimes, France, Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

jumped and jammed and I got thrown off my bike on a corner," he said. "I knew the race wasn't on so I just got back into the group. It's just frustrating. It was such a freak thing."

Danish rider Jakob Fuglsang, who stood ninth overall, was not as lucky and was forced to abandon the Tour with a left hand injury after falling late in the stage as the peloton pedaled past the picturesque town of Uzes.

Thomas, a former track specialist who transformed into a Tour de France contender after years spent working in support of four-time champion Chris Froome,

has always been prone to crashing. Just last month, his preparation for the Tour was cut short by a spill during a race in Switzerland. But he has also shown in the past that he can soldier on in pain. Six years ago when riding the Tour as Froome's loyal teammate, Thomas fell off his bike on a Corsican road in the opening stage and broke his pelvis. But he kept racing for 3,000 kilometers to reach the finish. He will need to be at the top of his form on Thursday for the start of an Alpine trilogy of stages including six climbs over 2,000 meters. This is when the race — the most exciting in the last de-

cade — will be decided before Sunday's ceremonial ride to Paris.

Sixteen stages out of 21 have been completed, but the suspense remains intact, with six riders separated by little more than 2 minutes. Behind Alaphilippe and Thomas, Steven Kruijswijk remained third, 1:47 off the pace and 3 seconds ahead of Thibaut Pinot. Thomas' Ineos teammate Egan Bernal lags 2:02 behind and Emmanuel Buchmann has a 2:14 deficit. Bernal, a Colombian and one of the best pure climbers in the Tour, played down Thomas' crash and said the race in the Alps will suit him

more than the Pyrenees, where both Ineos leaders conceded time to Pinot.

"He crashed but with no consequence and I don't think he'll suffer from it in the coming days," Bernal said. "We're approaching the Alps. The climbs there are longer and steeper. They're more of the Colombian style of climbing. I'm ready and I feel good."

Ewan said he suffered from the heat throughout the stage — temperatures soared as high as 40 degrees Celsius (40 F) — but it did not slow him down in the finale. The Australian Tour debutant edged Elia Viviani and Dylan Groenewegen to post his second stage win following his maiden success in Toulouse last week. Earlier, riders tried to cool down with bottles of cold water against the backs of their necks as they pedaled on the Pont du Gard, an ancient Roman aqueduct bridge set against a dramatic landscape of rocks, trees and water. Alexis Gougeard, Lukasz Wisniowski, Stephane Rossetto, Paul Ourselin and Lars Bak organized the day's breakaway and had a maximum lead of 2 minutes. After the group was caught two kilometers from the finish, Viviani was set up by his teammates and launched the sprint about 200 meters from the line but could not resist Ewan's comeback. □



In this Feb. 14, 2018, file photo, gold medal winner Shaun White celebrates after the men's halfpipe finals at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

NEW YORK (AP) — Shaun White is pressing forward with plans to shoot for the

Summer Olympics in skateboarding. White said Tuesday on

Shaun White pushes forward on Olympic skateboarding track

NBC's "Today" show that he will compete at world championships in September "and see what happens" before deciding whether to try to earn a spot on the U.S. team for skateboarding's Olympic debut next summer in Tokyo.

The three-time Olympic snowboarding champion has won five of his 23 X Games medals on the summer side in skateboarding. But when snowboarding became an Olympic sport, and with no similar option on the Summer Games

side, White focused on the Winter Games.

He announced last summer that skateboarding was in his plans but only competed in one contest last year. Street and park skateboarding are on the 2020 Olympics program, neither of which is considered White's specialty.

He is expected to focus on the park version, which mixes vertical jumps like those seen on the halfpipe with street features like rails and stairs.

Josh Friedberg, the CEO of USA Skateboarding, said

last month "the question we always get is the Shaun White question."

"The answer is, if anyone can do it, it's Shaun, but he has a long, hard road in front of him," Friedberg said. White, 32, has acknowledged as much, and stopped short of saying Tuesday that he's all-in for a run at the Olympics.

"I thought, why don't I test the waters, compete a little and see what happens," he said. "After that I'll probably make the big announcement of what I'm going to do." □

Bengals owner Mike Brown opposes 18-game schedule proposal

By JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — Bengals owner Mike Brown thinks the NFL's current 16-game schedule for the regular season is long enough, and he doubts that the league will be able to shorten the preseason and add games that count in the standings because of the players' opposition.

Brown said Tuesday that he strongly opposes a suggestion to have an 18-game regular season and allow teams to rest players for two of the games. He can't envision playing the Steelers, for instance, with a healthy Ben Roethlisberger sitting out.

"Well, that's absurd," Brown said. "I don't want that."

Brown thinks that players' safety concerns over adding games will likely keep the regular season in its current format.

"These seasons are long and they take a toll on you mentally, they take a toll on players physically," Brown

said at the team's annual media luncheon. "Maybe we should just step back and accept the 16 number and go with it."

Commissioner Roger Goodell reiterated last month that he wants to reduce the number of preseason games. The length of the season is one topic of preliminary talks between the league and the players' association over a new collective bargaining agreement. The current one expires after the 2020 season.

One proposal would eliminate two preseason games and add two in the regular season. To avoid putting a more physical toll on players, they would get two regular games off.

"Different owners have different thoughts and they're welcome to express them, to argue them," Brown said. "I just don't think we want to play Boston unless (Tom) Brady isn't playing."

"Everyone knows the discussion on this. It isn't the

way football has been played. Baseball is played that way, different pitchers and all. In our game, you get the best team out there, and I think that's the way it ought to be."

The discussion is driven by dissatisfaction with regulars held out for most of the preseason. They typically play only a small portion of two games and sit out the final one entirely.

Brown said owners allowed the preseason games to evolve into exhibitions with little, if any, playing time for starters because coaches didn't want to risk injuries.

"I don't blame coaches for doing that, they were protecting their interest, their players," Brown said. "They didn't want them exposed, they didn't want them injured, but it impacted the product and we didn't step up and handle it as owners. We accepted it, and I think it got us to where we are today."

The Bengals drew 35,633 and 39,520 fans for their



Mike Brown, owner of the Cincinnati Bengals NFL football team, speaks while being interviewed at Paul Brown Stadium during the team's media luncheon, Tuesday, July 23, 2019, in Cincinnati.

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two home preseason games last year, when they had a third straight losing season and a third straight significant decline in attendance. Cincinnati averaged only 50,753 fans in the regular season, the second-lowest in the league. The plummeting fan interest was a factor in Brown firing Marvin Lewis after his 16th season as head coach and hiring Zac Taylor. Lewis went 0-7 in the playoffs, extending the Bengals' mark

of no postseason victory since the 1990 season.

Brown pointed out that the Bengals made the playoffs from 2011-15, a franchise record, but lost in the first round all five times to extend their streak of futility. They've gone 6-9-1, 7-9 and 6-10 the last three years, falling to last in the AFC North. "That's an eternity in this business," Brown said. "That's what people remember. We want to re-excite our fan base." □

China's Sun

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On the podium, Scott wanted no part of sharing the moment with Sun.

Scott kept his hands clasped behind his back and refused to shake Sun's hand, standing off on his own while the other medalists joined Sun to pose for photographers.

Sun, who served a three-month doping ban in 2014, is being allowed by FINA to compete in Gwangju ahead of a Court for Arbitration in Sport hearing in September that threatens Sun's career.

After Sun won the 400 free, silver medalist Mack Horton of Australia refused to step on the podium or acknowledge Sun during the medals ceremony. FINA, swimming's governing body, sent warning letters to Swimming Australia and Horton for his actions.

"FINA has currently done more to reprimand Mack Horton than they have done to reprimand Sun Yang," said American Lilly

King, who won the women's 100 breaststroke.

In a statement, FINA said its executive board met to discuss the situation involving Sun and Scott and decided to send warning letters to both swimmers.

"Both competitors had an inadequate behavior on this occasion, which is not acceptable," FINA said, citing a specific rule in its constitution.

Sun has been accused of smashing vials of his blood with a hammer during a clash last year with testers, and faces a lifetime ban if found guilty.

"He does quite a good job of making sure everyone continues to know about it," Scott said, referring to Sun's pending doping case. "So I guess that's all I've got to say about that." Sun spread his arms apart and looked at Scott as the Brit turned to come off the podium.

"You're a loser," Sun told Scott. "I'm a winner."

Sun and the other two medalists stopped for photogra-



Lithuania's Danas Rapsys reacts after he was disqualified in the men's 200m freestyle final at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

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phers on the pool deck, but Scott kept on walking.

"The athletes are starting to stand up for themselves and stand up for what they believe in, so I commend them," King said. "That's incredibly brave."

There were more boos — and cheers from Chinese fans — in the crowd at Nambu University Municipal Aquatics Center.

"If people are booing him it's for a reason," British swimmer Adam Peaty said of Sun. "He should be ask-

ing himself now, should he really be in a sport when people are booing him?"

Peaty said Scott's action was "completely right."

"The most important thing as a sports person is you have a right to a voice," Peaty said. "Duncan shared his voice and so did the crowd, so it's completely fair."

Sun, the current Olympic champion in the 200 free, earned his third straight medal in the event at worlds and second gold in

a row. He was timed in 1 minute, 44.93 seconds.

In contrast to their run-in at the Rio Olympics, King and Russia's Yulia Efimova kept all the drama in the pool in the 100 breaststroke.

They were neck-and-neck down the stretch before King got her hand on the wall first, touching in 1:04.93. Efimova was second in 1:05.49. Martina Carraro of Italy took bronze.

Efimova served a 16-month doping ban in 2013 and failed a drug test in 2016, but wasn't punished. King called out Efimova in Rio, saying she wasn't a fan.

However, the intensity between them has clearly dissipated.

King and Efimova clasped hands over the lane rope. Later, Efimova clapped as King took the top spot on the podium and they embraced and kissed after the ceremony.

Without three-time defending champion Katie Ledecky in the field, Simona Quadarella of Italy won the 1,500 freestyle in 15:40.89 — well off Ledecky's world record of 15:20.48. □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

While interning in Shanghai as a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) physician, I learned that an energetic heart allows the expression of joy. The literary word for lightening the mood of something is "leaven"; as in "readers tell me that these weekly articles leaven or enliven their mood". The Modern Greek word "leaven" is "enzumos" that yields the word enzyme. Enzymes are proteins produced by the cells that control or "turn on" thousands of body reactions.

One enzyme family is digestive enzymes, which help the body naturally, digest food, a good thing. Plant digestives, like Bromelain from pineapple AND Beta Pepsin or Hydrochloric Acid (HCL) are good supplement choices for over-eating or eating the wrong foods. But even good things need help, like Phyllis, without whose organization skills, I would accomplish very little. Similarly, an important partner that helps enzymes work are coenzymes. The prefix "co" means together or jointly, like co-worker. One coenzyme that is getting a lot of attention is Coenzyme10 or CoQ10. This supplement is widely used in Japan to treat angina, severe chest pains because of a lack of blood to the heart. Pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, swelling of the ankles, legs or abdomen, and increased urination, are all symptoms that may signal that the heart cannot pump sufficient blood to keep pace with the energy demands of the body,

congestive heart failure. If you suspect any of the above, it may be a good idea to have a check-up.

CoQ10 is found in every cell in the body. CoQ10 assists enzymes in bringing oxygen into the cells and producing energy needed for cell growth and maintenance. It is also used by the body as an antioxidant. An antioxidant is a substance that protects cells from unhealthy chemicals called free radicals. Free radicals are highly reactive chemicals that can damage parts of cells, including DNA. DNA is a molecule inside cells that carries genetic information and passes it from one generation to the next. This damage may play a role in the development of cancer. Low blood levels of CoQ10 have been found in patients with bone, lymph gland, breast, lung, prostate, pancreas, colon, kidney, and other cancers.

Think of CoQ10 as an accelerator pedal in your car that sends more fuel to your heart. If the fuel is not available, symptoms of congestive heart failure develop. The fuel for your body is ATP whose structure includes a sugar called ribose. Combining the dietary supplement D-ribose together with CoQ10 is an energizing combination.

As a Clinical Nutritionist I always recommend CoQ10 be taken together with complementary or "co-worker" supplements; because absorption of CoQ10 into your body is poor. In fact, probably over 60 percent of most oral doses of CoQ10 are excreted by the body without being used. Absorption of CoQ10 is greater when taken together with food that has a good quality fat content, like olive oil, wild caught salmon and butter (notice I did not say margarine). Because of this, I always recommend taking CoQ10 together with a fat or oil, like Omega 3 or Alpha-lipoic acid. Quality dietary supplement manufactures are now producing CoQ10 with enhanced absorption or bioavailability by surrounding each CoQ10 molecule with tiny fat cells of good fats like alpha-lipoic acid

Most modern diets are deficient in Omega 3's and adding Flax seed oil or Fish oils, to a daily supplement program, which includes vitamin C, Magnesium, Zinc and Lecithin is what I feel is a great basic dietary plan. Of course, not everybody utilizes or absorbs the same. If you have any health concerns, visit a clinical nutritionist to

be sure you are getting the right combination of co-workers for your needs

Another super oil or fat is alpha lipoic acid which is known as the "universal antioxidant". It has the ability to conserve and prolong the life of vitamins C & E in the body, increasing their effectiveness. Alpha lipoic acid is also an excellent metal detoxifier, particularly for mercury and cadmium.

In Germany, alpha-lipoic acid is an approved medical treatment for nerve damage and pain, a common complication of diabetes. It speeds the removal of glucose from the bloodstream, at least partly by enhancing insulin function, and it reduces insulin resistance, the foundation of many cases of coronary heart disease and obesity. The richest food source of alpha-lipoic acid is red meat.

Alpha lipoic acid binds easily with CoQ10 making it better absorbed by your body. Because of insufficient dietary intake of healthy oils, taking alpha-lipoic acid together with CoQ10 is a good way to increase absorption of both. These two supplements in combination are extremely effective for prolonging cellular vitality and reducing the body's production of unhealthy free radicals. ALA and CoQ10 also enhance production of ATP which is the body's form of energy.

D-Ribose alone can help your body refuel and stay energized a must for athletes, older individuals, exhausted parents or anyone with busy lives. Together, ALA with CoQ10 and D-ribose help produce much more energy for all body functions, including exercise and relaxing and recovery of the body's muscles. This is a joyous thing, especially for the heart.

Get The Point! Dietary supplements are important tools that can be used to maintain or return health; but, like carpentry tools, knowledge on how to use them is instrumental. An appointment with a clinical nutritionist can identify your personal needs and introduce the correct co-workers to do the best job. My biocompatible protocol also includes heavy metal and other detoxification and acupuncture, a treatment that rebalances the body's energy, relaxes tight muscles and increases the effectiveness of dietary supplements. Want to allow more joy into your heart? Check out this and more in my book or call to make an appointment. □

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Millennial Money: Why you need a midyear budget check-in

By COURTNEY JESPERSEN
Associated Press

A typical July includes vacations, travel, shopping, weddings and beaches. Budgets? Not really.

But the year's halfway point provides a great opportunity to take a close look at your financial health and goals.

Now's a good time to "check yourself before you wreck yourself," says Nora Yousif, certified financial planner and vice president at RBC Wealth Management in the Boston area.

Here are three important reasons to check your budget right now — and easy things you can do to ensure you reach your money goals for the rest of the year.

YOU CAN LEARN FROM THE PAST

School's out, but summer budgeting calls for a grading exercise. Judging your budgeting behavior is a productive way to see where you stand, according to Andrew Almeida, CFP, founder of Almeida Investment Management in New York.

Here's how to do it: If you haven't already, separate your monthly budget into categories, such as groceries, rent, entertainment and so forth. Then see if you were over or under budget for each line item.



In this June 15, 2018, file photo, cash is fanned out from a wallet in North Andover, Mass.

Associated Press

If you have 10 categories, overshot three last month and stayed on budget for seven, you'd be at 70%. So give yourself a C for June. Almeida recommends doing this each month. With six months of the year behind you, you're in a good position to evaluate if you're passing more months than you're failing. But don't get discouraged; you shouldn't expect straight A's.

"No one's going to hit it 100% of the time," Almeida says. "Life is fluid."

One easy and effective way to monitor how you're doing is by logging in to your financial accounts,

according to Brandon Renfro, an assistant professor of finance at East Texas Baptist University.

"You can kind of see where your money went, and that will start to give you a better idea of problem areas or focus areas," says Renfro, who is also a financial planner.

Lean on your credit card and bank account apps to help you track your cash flow. Some of these apps may even categorize the transactions for you.

YOU CAN PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND TAXES

Once you've looked back, take a moment to think

ahead. After all, the holiday season is only a few months away. And whether you like it or not, tax season will come shortly after that. Get ready now for these potential costly times of the year. Start by setting a holiday season budget. "A lot of people don't consider that, but it's a big year-end expense, which I think you should account for," Almeida says. "And if you haven't by midyear, I think you should."

If you're not sure where to start, use the amount you spent last year on holiday gifts and festivities as a baseline.

Next, focus on taxes. That means reviewing your income, advises Helen Ngo, CFP, CEO of Capital Benchmark Partners in Georgia.

"When we do midyear budgeting, we don't necessarily look at your spending," Ngo says. "The first thing we look at is what money is coming in." She says to pay attention to things like your pay stubs and discretionary income. For example, are you withholding enough in taxes to break even in April? Did you pay off a debt in the first half of the year and now have more income you can contribute to your 401(k)? Make adjustments where necessary.

YOU CAN CORRECT YOUR COURSE

By the time you finish these steps, you'll likely have identified areas where your budget has room for improvement.

"If you're way off your projected saving or spending goals, you can modify your habits for the rest of the year before it's too late," Yousif, of RBC Wealth Management, said in an email. That may include eliminating small things from your budget, such as a subscription or membership you no longer need. And when you do remove something, redirect that money somewhere it can be more useful. □

Stocks rise after Coke, Hasbro others reports solid earnings

By DAMIAN J. TROISE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks moved higher in early trading Tuesday on Wall Street as several major

companies reported solid second quarter earnings. Corporate earnings are now in full swing after last week's relatively light load of mixed results. Nearly

150 companies in the S&P 500 will report their financial results through Friday. Analysts are expecting this round of earnings to be weak.

JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and several other banks gained ground as bond yields rose. Higher

bond yields allow banks to charge more interest on loans.

Coca-Cola soared after beating Wall Street's second quarter profit forecasts. The surprisingly good results helped lift other consumer product makers. Kraft Heinz rose 1.7% and

Kellogg rose 1.8%. □



In this Thursday, July 18, 2019, file photo trader Dennis Maguire works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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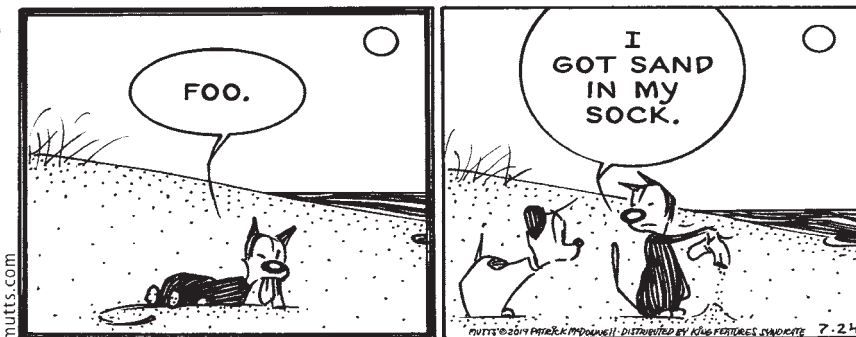
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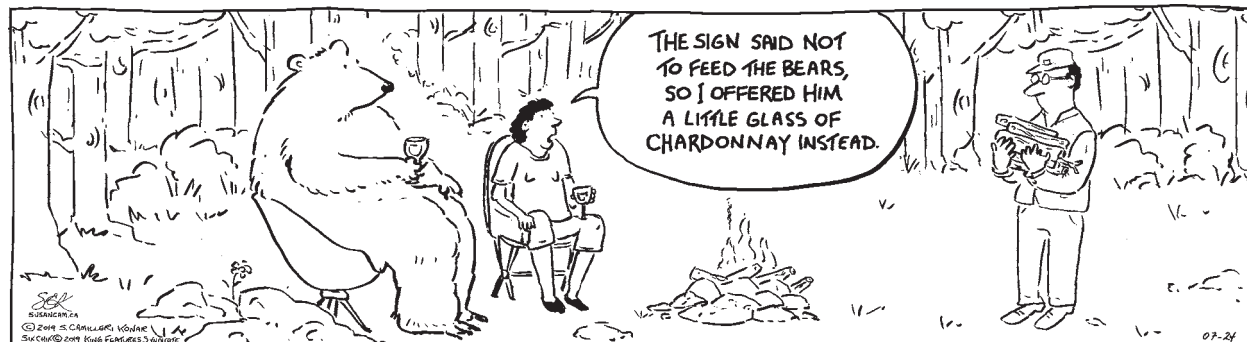
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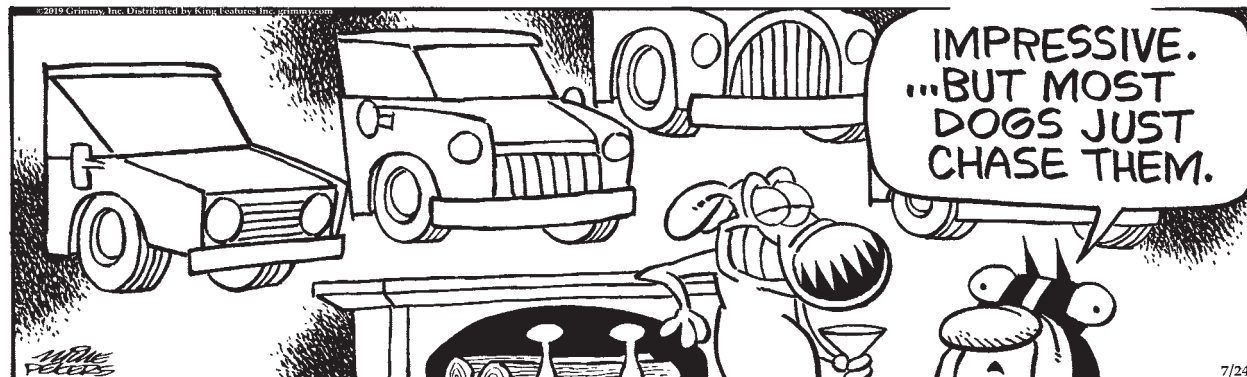
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

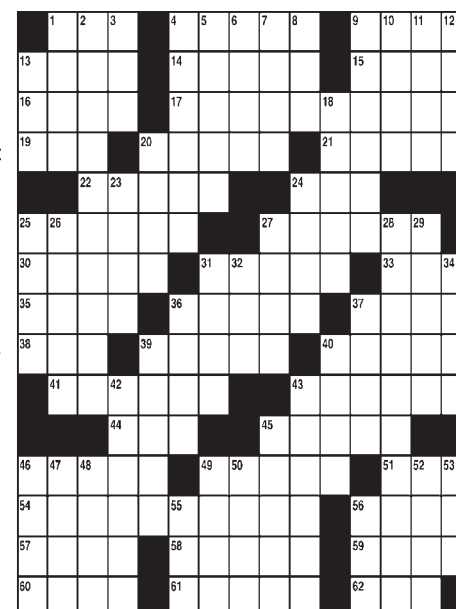
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- 1 Passing craze
- 4 Sphinx site
- 9 Bed with bars
- 13 Zlich
- 14 Cake ingredient
- 15 Plastic fishing bait
- 16 Prohibits
- 17 Catch __; take a nap
- 19 Muhammad __
- 20 __ over; reads intently
- 21 Malaise
- 22 Rush
- 24 __ McMuffin; fast-food breakfast
- 25 Keg outlet
- 27 Populous Ukrainian city
- 30 Lockup lineup
- 31 Hunger pains
- 33 Know-__; expertise
- 35 One __; multivitamin brand
- 36 __ up; add
- 37 __ off; left suddenly
- 38 Arm art
- 39 "Sweet: __ from Pike"
- 40 Letter after eta
- 41 Finds out
- 43 __ salad
- 44 __ ahead; make progress
- 45 Whitney or McKinley
- 46 Think alike
- 49 Rose Parade entry
- 51 Pelosi's title; abbr.
- 54 Like a disparaging statement
- 56 False witness
- 57 Dad's sister
- 58 Banquet
- 59 Auctioneer's word
- 60 Brooklyn team
- 61 Autry & Wilder
- 62 Word of disgust

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- 1 Farm newborn
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 40 Stretched tight
- 42 Insurance policy sellers
- 43 Seashores
- 45 Cursor mover
- 46 As wise __ owl
- 47 Adhesive
- 48 Babble on
- 49 Gratis
- 50 Type of shark
- 52 Every
- 53 Prefix for teen or natal
- 55 D-H link
- 56 __ Grant; Ed Asner role

Singapore seizes tons of elephant tusks, pangolin scales

Associated Press
SINGAPORE (AP) — Singapore has seized about 12 tons of pangolin scales belonging to around 2,000 of the endangered mammals and nearly 10 tons of elephant ivory.

The National Parks Board, Singapore Customs and the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority said Tuesday it was the city-state's third major seizure of pangolin scales this year and its largest seizure of elephant ivory to date.

An announcement said authorities on Sunday seized 13.1 tons of pangolin scales as well as tusks from nearly 300 African elephants from containers being shipped to Vietnam.

The pangolin scales were valued at \$35.7 million and the tusks at \$12.9 million.

The pangolin is said to be the most widely trafficked mammal in the world. Its scales are made of keratin and are ground up to use in traditional medicines. □



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Diplomats' brain scans show differences, add to Cuba mystery

By LINDSEY TANNER

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Advanced brain scans found perplexing differences in U.S. diplomats who say they developed concussion-like symptoms after working in Cuba, a finding that only heightens the mystery of what may have happened to them, a new study says. Extensive imaging tests showed the workers had less white matter than a comparison group of healthy people and other structural differences, researchers said.

While they had expected the cerebellum, near the brain stem, to be affected given the workers' reported symptoms — balance problems, sleep and thinking difficulties, headaches and other complaints — they found unique patterns in tissue connecting brain regions.

Ragini Verma, a University of Pennsylvania brain imaging specialist and the lead author, said the patterns were unlike anything she's seen from brain diseases or injuries.

"It is pretty strange. It's a true medical mystery," Verma said.

Co-author Dr. Randel Swanson, a Penn specialist in brain injury rehabilitation, said "there's no question that something happened," but imaging tests can't determine what it was.

An outside expert, University of Edinburgh neurologist Jon Stone, said the study doesn't confirm that any brain injury occurred nor that the brain differences resulted from the strange experiences the diplomats said happened in Cuba.

Cuba has denied any kind of attack, which has strained relations with the

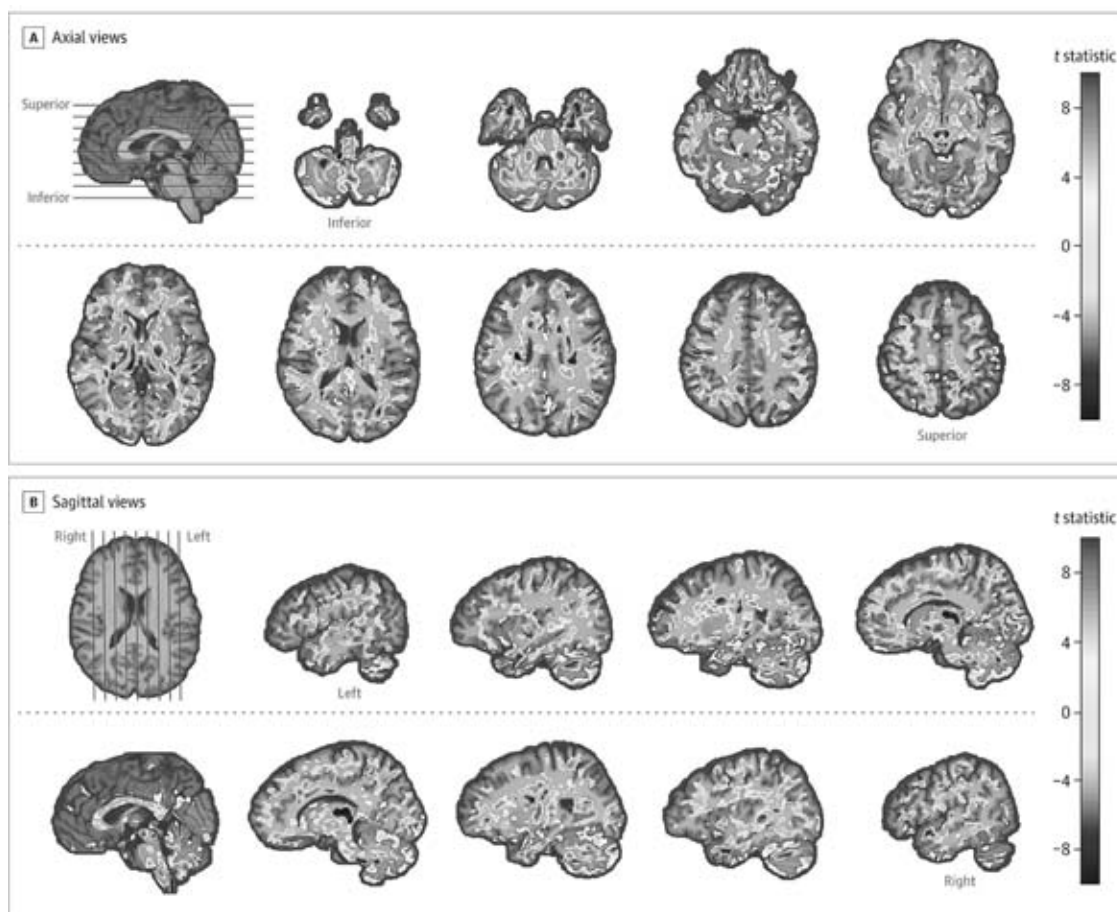


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This image provided by the American Medical Association in July 2019 shows the amount of differences between brain scans of patients, U.S. diplomats who developed concussion-like symptoms after working in Cuba, and a control group.

United States.

"The article published today doesn't change the situation," said Johana Tablada, Cuba's deputy head of U.S. affairs. "The article recognizes that the changes detected are minimal, that their conclusions are uncertain and that they can't identify the cause."

The results were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association. A journal editorial says the study may improve understanding of the reported symptoms, but that the relevance of the brain differences is uncertain.

In a statement, the U.S. State Department said it "is aware of the study and

welcomes the medical community's discussion on this incredibly complex issue. The Department's top priority remains the safety, security, and well-being of its staff."

Between late 2016 and May 2018, several U.S. and Canadian diplomats in Havana complained of health

problems from an unknown cause. One U.S. government count put the number of American personnel affected at 26.

Some reported hearing high-pitched sounds similar to crickets while at home or staying in hotels, leading to an early theory of a sonic attack. The Associat-

Associated Press

ed Press has reported that an interim FBI report found no evidence that sound waves could have caused the damage.

Dozens of U.S. diplomats, family members and other workers sought exams. The new study reports on 40 of them tested at the University of Pennsylvania. A group analysis of results from advanced MRI scans found brain differences in the diplomat group compared with 48 healthy people with similar ages and ethnic background.

Workers had MRI tests about six months after reporting problems, but because their brains were not scanned before their Cuba stints they can't know if anything changed in their brains, a drawback of the study that the researchers acknowledge.

The University of Edinburgh's Stone said the new study has several other limitations that weaken the results, including a comparison group that wasn't evenly matched to the patients.

"If you really want to suggest that something fundamentally different happened in Cuba ... then the best control group would be 40 individuals with the same symptoms who hadn't been to Cuba and had no history of head injury," Stone said. □

Pocket-sized shark squirts glowing clouds from pockets

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A pocket-sized pocket shark found in the Gulf of Mexico has turned out to be a new species.

And the mysterious pouches that it's named for, up near its front fins? Scientists say they squirt little glowing clouds into the ocean.

Researchers from around the Gulf and in New York have named the species the American pocket shark, or *Mollisquama* (mah-lihs-KWAH-muh) *mississippiensis* (MISS-ih-sip-ee-EHN-sis).

It's only the third out of more than 500 known shark



This undated image provided by National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Fisheries Science Center shows a 5.5-inch long rare pocket shark.

Associated Press

species that may squirt luminous liquid, said R. Dean Grubbs, a Florida State University scientist who was not involved in the research. He

said the other two are the previously known pocket shark and the taillight shark, which has a similar gland near its tail. □

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'Joker,' Tom Hanks' Mr. Rogers pic among TIFF selections

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An origin story about the Joker starring Joaquin Phoenix, a Mr. Rogers biopic with Tom Hanks and a film about strippers scamming Wall Street bankers with Jennifer Lopez and Cardi B are among the films premiering at the Toronto International Film Festival in September. TIFF Artistic Director Cameron Bailey and Executive Director Joana Vicente announced 16 gala selections and 37 in the special presentation category Tuesday morning, including Todd Phillips' "Joker," Marielle Heller's "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" and Lorene Scafaria's "Hustlers." Iranian-born director Marjane Satrapi's Marie Curie film "Radioactive," in which Rosamund Pike plays the groundbreaking physicist, will close the festival on Sept. 14.

Bailey told The Associated Press that "Joker" is somewhat of a first for the festival.

"This is our first entry into the superhero world as far as I can remember," he said. "But it's a really original vision. It's disturbing, utterly compelling, really gripping from start to finish. ... And one of the most remarkable things is that Joaquin



This image released by Sony Pictures shows Tom Hanks as Mister Rogers in a scene from "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood."

Phoenix, in a career of great performances, gives one of his very best."

Other standout performances the programmers love are Michael B. Jordan and Jamie Foxx in Destin Daniel Cretton's civil rights drama "Just Mercy," Meryl Streep in Steven Soderbergh's investigative journalism drama "The Laundromat," Adam Driver and Scarlett Johansson in Noah Baumbach's divorce saga "Marriage Story" and Renee Zellweger in the Judy Garland biopic "Judy."

"It's one of those career-

best performances," Bailey said. "And that's coming from a guy who absolutely loves 'Jerry Maguire.'"

The Toronto selections often help define the looming awards race. Last year, TIFF's audience award winner "Green Book" went on to win the best picture Oscar.

"It's not the motivation, but it's always great to be a launchpad for films that will be part of the awards conversation," Vicente said.

Other high-profile films premiering include James Mangold's "Ford v Ferrari"

with Christian Bale and Matt Damon, Kasi Lemmons' Harriet Tubman film "Harriet" starring Cynthia Erivo, Rian Johnson's star-studded ode to Agatha Christie "Knives Out," with Chris Evans and Daniel Craig, Edward Norton's adaptation of "Motherless Brooklyn," John Crowley's adaptation of "The Goldfinch" and the Bruce Springsteen concert film "Western Stars."

Some, a little less flashy, but just as worthy according to Bailey include the cancer drama "The Friend," from Gabriela Cowperthwaite

with Dakota Johnson and Casey Affleck, the animated teen love story "Weathering With You," from Makoto Shinkai, the Japanese director of the anime breakout "Your Name," and Michael Winterbottom's "Greed."

Bailey said "Greed," about the economy of fast fashion, is "one everybody should see."

And then of course there is "Hustlers," with Lopez and Constance Wu, which Bailey said is "a great watch."

"It feels like 'Casino' or 'Goodfellas,'" he said. "But instead of gangsters killing, these are women just scamming these guys."

Although films aren't selected with any theme or agenda in mind, Bailey said some do emerge eventually.

"It became clear that although we're living in a complicated, difficult world with a lot of conflict, a lot of the films that really resonated the most this year were ones that were about empathy, about reaching out and across borders to other people," Bailey said. "Maybe most emblematic of that is 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood,' but also 'Just Mercy,' a really tough film about the death penalty ... and 'Jojo Rabbit.'" □

Ariana Grande and Taylor Swift score 10 MTV VMA nominations

By MESFIN FEKADU
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Ariana Grande and Taylor Swift are the top contenders at the 2019 MTV Video Music Awards, each scoring 10 nominations.

MTV announced Tuesday that Grande and Swift will compete in eight of the same categories, including video of the year. Swift's gay pride anthem "You Need to Calm Down" and Grande's breezy hit about her breakups "thank u, next" are nominated for the top prize alongside Billie Eilish's "Bad Guy," Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus' "Old Town Road," 21 Savage and J. Cole's "A Lot," and Jonas Brothers' "Sucker."

Eilish, 17, came in second with nine nominations, including artist of the year. Other nominees are Grande, Cardi B, Shawn Mendes, Halsey and Jonas Brothers. Lil Nas X, whose "Old Town Road" tied the record for most weeks at No. 1 with 16 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart this week, earned eight nominations. The 2019 VMAs will take place at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey, on Aug. 26. Post Malone was surprisingly snubbed: He received zero nominations despite dominating on streaming services, radio and the Billboard charts in the last year.

Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper's Oscar- and

Grammy-winning hit "Shallow" picked up two nominations: song of the year and best collaboration. Boy band BTS earned four nominations, including a bid in the new best K-pop category. And late rapper Nipsey Hussle, who posthumously won best male hip-hop artist and the Humanitarian Award at last month's BET Awards, picked up a nomination for best hip hop for "Higher," his song and video with DJ Khaled and John Legend. Swift will drop her album, "Lover," three days before the VMAs on Aug. 23, making it likely that she will attend and possibly perform at the show. Scooter Braun, who now owns Swift's mu-



This combination photo shows singers Ariana Grande at the 13th annual Billboard Women in Music event in New York on Dec. 6, 2018, left, and Taylor Swift at the Time 100 Gala in New York on April 23, 2019.

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sic catalog, will likely be in attendance, too: He manages top nominee Grande as well as Justin Bieber,

who earned a nomination for best collaboration with Ed Sheeran for "I Don't Care." □

Marvel's next films will bring diversity, onscreen and off

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Marvel's push for more women and people of color in its immensely popular film franchise is extending to behind the camera as it launches its next round of films after the massive success of "Avengers: Endgame." Of the five films the superhero studio announced at Comic-Con

on Saturday, only one is set to be directed by a white man. "It's about fresh voices and new voices and great filmmakers who can continue to steer the (Marvel Cinematic Universe) into new places," Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige said in an interview after the studio's explosive Hall H panel. "And I am as proud of that lineup of directors as you saw today as any."



Mahershala Ali, center, wears a hat to promote his new movie "Blade" at the Marvel Studios panel on day three of Comic-Con International on Saturday, July 20, 2019, in San Diego.

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In addition to a slew of women and people of color at the helm of the upcoming Marvel films, the weekend's announcements promised more diversity on screen.

First up for release is the long-awaited solo film starring Scarlett Johansson as the Black Widow, the lethal assassin she has played for nearly a decade. The film is set for release in May 2020. Johansson said the search for "Black Widow" director Cate Shortland wasn't easy.

"It's really interesting because when we were looking for a director, you start

to see some of the systemic problems," Johansson said. "Even looking for a female director who has had enough experience — who has had the opportunity to sit at the helm of something huge like this, you know, choices are limited because of that. And it sucks." The actress added that she was proud to see the diversity on stage during Marvel's Hall H panel.

"Looking out on that stage tonight, it was incredible. It was really moving, also just to see how incredibly diverse the universe is — and reflects what we see all

around us. It's incredible," she said. "The Eternals" will feature a cast full of actors of color, including Kumail Nanjiani, Brian Tyree Henry, and Salma Hayek. Simu Liu will become Marvel's first big screen Asian American superhero when "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" is released in February 2021. Natalie Portman will play a female Thor in the new "Thor: Love and Thunder," which will also feature Tessa Thompson's character, Valkyrie, as the MCU's first LGBTQ superhero.

"First of all, as new King (of Asgard), she needs to find her queen, so that will be her first order of business. She has some ideas. Keep you posted," Thompson said during the panel. Feige later confirmed the news in an interview with the website io9.

The studio is also reviving one of Marvel's most iconic black characters, Blade (previously played by Wesley Snipes), with the help of Academy Award winner Mahershala Ali. Feige told The Associated Press that right after winning his second Academy Award for "Green Book" earlier this year, Ali set up a meeting. □

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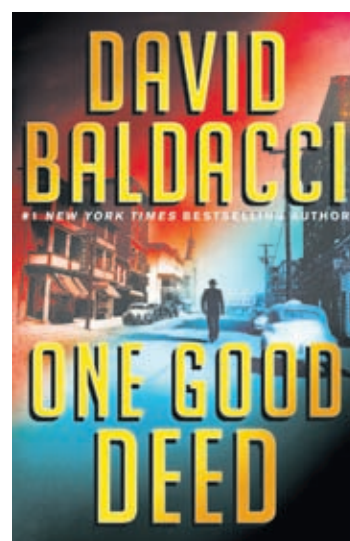
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Baldacci's latest novel doesn't disappoint



This cover image released by Grand Central Publishing shows "One Good Deed," by David Baldacci.

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**By JEFF AYERS
Associated Press**
"One Good Deed" (Grand Central Publishing), by David Baldacci

Aloysius Archer fought in Europe for the Allies, and

shortly after making his way back home, he found himself imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit. He's released early for good behavior and makes his way to the small town of Poca City, where he's required to routinely check in with his parole officer.

Archer meets Hank Pittleman, who offers him a chance to earn some money. Lucas Tuttle borrowed a substantial amount of money from Pittleman, and Archer is asked to take possession of Tuttle's Cadillac, which was used for collateral. After verifying the loan by seeing the paperwork, Archer goes to meet Tuttle to ask why he hasn't paid Pittleman back.

The answer Archer receives surprises him — and puts the offer in an entirely new light.

Archer wants to do the right thing, and stay away from violating the rules he needs to follow as a man recently incarcerated. His parole officer is stern and a stickler for making sure everything he does is on the straight and narrow.

When he gets entangled in a mess with what seems like a simple loan, chaos and mystery will have him once again trying to prove his innocence.

Author David Baldacci is a master storyteller, and he invokes the classic feel of the post-war 1940s evident in the timeless literature and film of that time. A sympathetic hero and a cast of mysterious citizens in a small town summon familiar themes one expects in a Baldacci novel, and he once again doesn't disappoint. □

Lil Nas X ties Billboard record set by Mariah, 'Despacito'

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Lil Nas X has taken his horse to the old town road and ridden it to the top of the Billboard charts for 16 weeks, tying a record set by Mariah Carey and Luis Fonsi.

"Old Town Road" logs its 16th week at No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart this week, matching the success that Carey and Boyz II Men's "One Sweet Day" achieved in 1995-1996. Fonsi, Daddy Yankee and Justin Bieber's "Despacito" accomplished the feat in 2017.

No song has spent more than 16 weeks at No. 1 on the all-genre Hot 100 chart in the 61-year history of the Billboard charts.

The country-rap "Old Town Road" was originally a solo song, but 20-year-old Lil Nas X added Billy Ray Cyrus to the track and it topped the charts, achieving most of its success through audio streaming.

Lil Nas X is looking forward to setting a new Billboard record next week. He posted a video Monday on social media of the "SpongeBob SquarePants" charac-



This June 1, 2019 file photo shows Lil Nas X performing at HOT 97 Summer Jam 2019 in East Rutherford, N.J.

ter Squidward Tentacles saying, "Please stream 'Old Town Road.'"

"Me on the internet this whole week tryna break the billboard record," he wrote in the caption.

"Old Town Road" initially was in a bit of controversy in March when Billboard removed it from its country charts, deeming it not

country enough (it peaked at No. 19 on the country charts). But the drama didn't hurt the song; it only propelled it. "This song has been a uniter not a divider," Cyrus said in a statement Monday.

"I'm giving God the glory now for allowing me the gift to be part of such a special song. It's a unique moment

in time where people from all over the world and all walks of life find they have more in common than they do different. It's a moment we've all shared and I'm grateful for it."

"Old Town Road" appears on Lil Nas X's debut EP "7," which peaked at No. 2 on Billboard's 200 albums chart earlier this month.

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The EP also features the Top 40 hits "Panini" and "Rodeo" with Cardi B.

"Old Town Road" is also spending its 16th week on top of both the R&B/Hip-Hop and rap songs charts. The song has several versions, including remixes featuring Diplo, Young Thug and Mason Ramsey; Billboard counts the original song and its remix versions as one when calculating chart position, thus helping "Old Town Road" stay on top. A number of songs have debuted at No. 2 on the Hot 100 chart, unable to push "Old Town Road" out of its top position, including two tunes from Taylor Swift ("You Need to Calm Down," "ME!"); Ed Sheeran and Bieber's "I Don't Care"; and two songs from Shawn Mendes ("If I Can't Have You," "Senorita" with Camila Cabello).

Swift's "Look What You Made Me Do" stopped "Despacito" from reaching a 17th week at No. 1 when the pop smash jumped from No. 77 to No. 1 in 2017. Celine Dion's "Because You Loved Me" ended Carey and Boyz II Men's epic run in 1996. □

Summer camp uses dance to teach students life skills

By ANDREA SMITH

Associated Press

JONESBORO, Ga. (AP) — Of all the mantras Anai Espinoza and her fellow campers recite each morning at AileyCamp, the eighth grader's favorite is this: "I am in control."

"It makes me believe I have the power to choose the right thing," she said.

Anai is one of a thousand students in 10 states this summer attending AileyCamp, a free six-week program for youngsters in financial need or with academic, social or family challenges.

AileyCamp was founded in 1989 in Kansas City, Missouri, by world-renowned dancer, choreographer and director Alvin Ailey, who died later that year. In addition to teaching the students dance, the camp introduces them to the visual arts, creative writing



In this Saturday, July 6, 2019 photo, a dancer leaps across the stage during a ballet routine at the Clayton County Performing Arts Center in Jonesboro, Ga.

and other communications skills. It also teaches them how to eat well, resolve conflicts and become leaders, according to a description of the program on the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater website.

Atlanta Ballet's Centre For Dance Education has admitted about 100

students to its camp each summer since 2014. About half of those have some exposure to dance, but very few have professional training, said Atlanta AileyCamp director Diane Carroll Sales.

"The most important thing is to accept campers that are willing to dance — they

want to dance — because we are dancing most of the day," Sales said.

"But the core of the program is personal development." The Atlanta camp ran this year from May 30 through July 5, concluding with a performance July 6 in the city of Jonesboro, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) south of Atlanta. Sponsors covered the cost of dance training and attire, breakfast and lunch, field trips and classes for creative communication and personal development.

At the end of camp, Atlanta Ballet offers 10 students a full-tuition scholarship for a year of training, which is eligible for renewal, Sales said. One scholarship covers \$800-\$2,300 worth of dance classes, depending on the placement level. Kameron Davis attended his first AileyCamp about 10 years ago, when he

was in middle school, at The Fox Theatre in Atlanta. He trained for three years after that with the Atlanta Ballet on a scholarship, and later became a dance instructor. Davis said he doesn't think his mother could have afforded dance classes without the scholarship.

Kids at school teased Davis when he began dancing, but AileyCamp offered a safe haven and confidence boost, he said. He said he enjoys giving back to the program by helping new campers build their confidence.

"It's an open door to finding new things, doing new things," Davis said. "When I got to AileyCamp, it just reassured me that, 'Hey, it's OK. Everybody is different. You shouldn't be judged by what you do just because not a lot of people do it.'" □

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Pruning olive trees is a balance of art, lore and science

By **CAIN BURDEAU**
Associated Press

TORRETTA, Sicily (AP) —

Watching Giovanni Caruso prune an olive tree is like observing a mountain climber decide how to reach the next hand-grip in a cliff. He chooses his path with deliberation. He even wears a helmet.

With a set of newfangled tools and theories, this 35-year-old Sicilian biologist and self-made pruning expert is working on his first commercial project to introduce the central Italian technique known as the “polyconic vase” into Sicily’s often remote and overgrown olive groves. This method seeks to sculpt a tree into separate cone-shaped sides, thus producing more olives that are easier to pick.

“The cone’s geometric shape allows the most branches to be exposed to the sun,” Caruso said.

I thought about the overgrown olive trees I bought a few years ago with my wife and two boys on a property in Sicily. This was the first year we pruned them, nervously trying to open them up to the sun as we’d learned from Caruso. Caruso wielded a chain saw mounted on an extendable pole and powered by a battery pack. Pruning in Sicily is mostly done with regular chain saws, but also with hand-saws and shears, as we had done.

He moved on to another tree.

“Just looking at it, it seems to be a globe,” he said. “We’re going to try to make it a vase, which means we’ll cut out the center.”

And within a few minutes he’d transformed it.

The location was redolent of history: 6,000 olive trees on a former noble estate in Torretta, a valley town near Palermo. The sprawling villa, once a monastery, recalls a Sicily of opulent leisure and eccentric aristocrats.

To an untrained eye, the orchard could appear fine. But a lot is going wrong, Caruso said. Many trees suffer from neglect and disease.



This March 13, 2018 photo shows reporter and writer Cain Burdeau pruning an olive tree with shears and a small saw on a property his wife and he bought in Contrada Petraro in the mountains of northern Sicily near Castelbuono.

“In this area, no one prunes anymore,” lamented Gregorio Ugdulena, a descendant of the family that developed the estate.

His sister, Amalia, remembered when field hands clambered up high ladders to prune, and boys carried pots of tar to heal the trees’ fresh cuts.

“Many people have abandoned their olive orchards,” Gregorio said with a sigh.

That’s why he brought in Caruso, an energetic former bersagliere (an elite rifleman) in the Italian army. In the past four years, Caruso has trained himself in the

polyconic vase method. He now does workshops in Sicily, where Ugdulena, and I, met him.

It is early April, the end of a long pruning season for Caruso and also for my wife and me. We’d spent much of the past few months learning to prune our long-abandoned, 40-odd olive trees.

For beginners, pruning any tree can be daunting. Where to start? What damage will I do if I cut this branch instead of that one? Will I kill a tree? Can I climb into a tree to prune? How exactly should I cut off

a branch?

Add to this the contradictory advice from friends and local farmers, all eager to tell you what you’re doing wrong: “Clear out the center.” “No, because of the heat, you should leave some branches to shade the center.” “Cut off branches that hang to the ground.” “No, don’t do that.” “Cut branches that shoot up.” “No, leave a few shooting up.”

And on it goes.

A look at the trees around us made us even more confused. Many were pruned so heavily that only a few limp twigs were left dangling off main branches. The sound of chain saws was routine.

Slowly, we gained confidence and speed. We started with obviously depleted dry sections, suckers and overlapping branches, and then moved on to what wasn’t so obvious. It took hours to prune the bigger specimens.

Caruso stood in a section of the orchard planted with Nocellara del belice trees. They looked nice to me. But not to him.

“The trees lack leaves and there are many diseases,” Caruso said. “Look around: It’s surrounded by mountains so there isn’t any circulation, and there’s a lot of humidity.” Humidity is bad for olives, he said.

At his side was Giuseppe Lo Presti, a 41-year-old agronomist and olive tree specialist. Lo Presti stooped to inspect a dead tree.

“Look, this is what happens when you don’t cut right,” he said. Someone had cut into the trunk, allowing infections in.

Caruso moved on, his chain saw whirring into action.

“The trick is to start from the top; the apex controls the plant,” he said. “By pruning from the top, you can see how much light comes in.”

The new technique has been met with skepticism in the region, Caruso said. Resting a foot on a wall overlooking the orchard, he recounted how three men stopped to criticize him, an outsider with a never-before-seen helmet. He

wears it because he works from the ground and could be hit by falling branches — he has a scar to prove it. “They shouted: ‘No, don’t cut that one! Cut that branch! Where are you from?’ It was quite a spectacle,” he said. “Everyone thinks they’re the best, that only they know (how to prune).”

He added: “Pruning is often seen as an art, but we see it as a technique. People are often looking for aesthetic perfection.” He paused. “There’s not a manual on how to do it, each tree must be done individually.” A good pruner must understand how a tree functions so that every cut makes sense, Caruso and Lo Presti agreed.

When I came home, I saw trees that still needed work. But I was glad we hadn’t bought a chain saw and sawed away. We are trying to balance many things, including maintaining the aesthetic beauty of long gnarled branches, and avoiding power tools. We want to watch and learn how our trees respond to what we’ve done.

Already this spring, we’re pleased at how the now-thinned-out olives are flowering.

Did we play a hand in creating all the lovely small yellow clusters? I like to think so. □



This April 4, 2018 photo shows Giovanni Caruso pruning a large olive tree on a former noble estate in Torretta near Palermo, Sicily. He is seeking to revive the estate’s 6,000 olive trees — many of which are diseased and suffering from poor management — by pruning them with a central Italian technique known as the polyconic vase.

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